# BIX Produce Market Advisory

Week of May 21, 2017

Commodity	Quality	Market
Apples		
Asparagus		
Avocado		
Bananas		
Bell Peppers		
Berries: Strawberries		
Berries: Raspberries		
Berries: Blackberries		
Berries: Blueberries		
Broccoli		
Carrots		
Cauliflower		
Celery		•
Citrus: Lemons		
Citrus: Limes		
Citrus: Oranges		
Cucumbers		
Grapes, Green		
Grapes, Red		
Green Onions		
Lettuce: Romaine / Leaf		
Lettuce: Iceberg		
Melons: Cantaloupe		
Melons: Honeydew		
Melons: Watermelon		•
Onions		
Pears		
Potatoes		
Squash		
Stone Fruit		
Tomatoes		

Market Opportunities Items with Good Quality and Market Value

#### **Honeydew:**

Supplies are coming from Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, and California. Supplies are good out of Mexico, and the California supplies have begun. Offshore supplies are winding down and some shippers have finished for the season but quality has looked good.

## Strawberries:

Good supplies continue to come in from Santa Maria with good quality. The Salinas and Watsonville supplies are picking up and quality reports are very good, with larger size fruit and full red color. Prices will remain steady.

# **Blackberries:**

Quality has been very nice for supplies coming in from Mexico, with steady to lower pricing. California supplies have started with limited availability, but are expected to improve over the next few weeks.

# Market Alerts Items to Buy with Caution

## Watermelon:

Supplies are coming from Texas and Mexico. The quality has been very good but due to the demand as the Memorial Day weekend gets closer, we will see markets rise a bit this week.

# Lemons:

The Central Valley crop is winding down and the Ventura crop is now in full swing, however the demand exceeds the supplies on the small sized lemons (140's - 200's). Look for very active markets to continue through the summer as the demand increases.

# **Celery:**

Supplies are very light in Oxnard, as the crop is behind where growers want it to be. Prices are very high and we can expect the prices to remain high for the next 2-4 weeks.



Good

🛑 Fair

Caution

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# Call your BIX representative for current availability and pricing for these special order items

Just in to BIX Produce!	Place orders by <u>Thursday</u> for delivery the following <u>Friday</u> Place orders by <u>Monday</u> for delivery the following <u>Tuesday</u>					
	<b>BIX Produce</b>	ltem	Pack Size	Origin	ltem#	
<b>Local Field Rhubarb</b> Available in 20 lb. Item # 3910		Fuyu Persimmons	16 - 22 ct.	Chile	3610	
Ramps, Wild Leeks Available in 1 lb. Item # 7800		Gold Kiwi	22 ct.	New Zealand	2805	
Quince Available in 16 count Item # 3880		Mangosteen	15 lb.	Thailand	3085	
Fiddlehead Ferns Available in 1 lb. Item # 5100		Lychee Fruit	15 lb.	Mexico	3070	
Fresh Morel Mushrooms Available in 1 lb. for special order		Red Tamarillo	30-39 ct.	New Zealand	3945	
Call your BIX representative for current availability, pack size and pricing		Korean Melon	10/12 ct.	Mexico	3275	
		Yellow Watermelon	1 ct.	USA	3360	



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