# **BIX Produce Market Advisory**

Week of November 12, 2017

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

## Market Opportunities Items with Good Quality and Market Value

#### Watermelon:

Strong production and supplies remain out of Mexico. The quality has also been very good. The supplies look to remain good for the next few weeks.

#### **Raspberries:**

California has very limited amount of supplies available as the season winds down. Steady supplies are expected to keep coming in from Mexico, with good quality and steady pricing.

#### **Local Product Availability:**

Apples, Carrots, Cabbage, Hydro Bibb lettuce, Bushel Boy Tomatoes, Wisconsin Russets, Red Potatoes, Acorn, Buttercup, Butternut, Orange Buttercup, Spaghetti Squash, Hubbard, also limited supplies of Mini Pumpkins, Wee Bee Little Pumpkins, Pie Pumpkins, Large Pumpkins (local seasonal supplies are winding down)

### **Market Alerts**

Items to Buy with Caution

#### Corn:

Supplies continue to be extremely tight out of Georgia and Florida. Prices are also very high while quality reports are only fair.

#### **Oranges:**

Crop production in California is improving and will continue to improve, weather permitting. This year's crop is the smallest since 2009 and is projected to be 15% lighter than last year's crop. We are currently seeing mostly fancy grade fruit with very little choice grade fruit. Demand still exceeds supplies.

#### **Romaine:**

Romaine will transition down to Yuma over the next 2 weeks. Supply and quality remains fair with some tip burn and seeder.

#### **Tomatoes:**

Tomatoes are going to be in short supply for the next six weeks due to the hurricanes that hit Florida and the East Coast a few months back. Florida's crops were devastated and going to be a salvage crop at best. Expect fair quality, poor yields and high markets. California crop is finishing early due to high temps this past summer, and most of what is being harvested will stay on the west coast. Mexico is harvesting but will not see considerable volume until mid-December. Expect fair quality and high markets until mid-December.



Good

Fair

Caution

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BIX Produce!	<b>BIX Produce</b>	ltem	Pack Size	Origin	ltem#	
<b>Satsuma Mandarins</b> Available in 25/28 lbs. Item # 3970	Selection of the second	Buddha Hand	5 count	USA	99943	
<b>Pomegranates</b> Available in 32-36 count Item # 3870		Brussel Sprout Stalk	9 count	USA	4557	
<b>Braeburn Apples</b> Available in 113 count Item # 1012		Purslane	24 count	Mexico	43223	
<b>Cranberries</b> Available in 24/12 oz. Item # 2570		Yuzu Fruit	10 Ibs.	USA	99941	
<b>Coming Soon!</b> <b>Clementines</b> Available in 4/5 lbs. Item # 2499		Garbanzo Beans	15 Ibs.	Mexico	4317	
Call your BIX representative for current availability, pack size and pricing		Fresh Olives	16 Ibs.	USA	99939	
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