

BIX Produce

Market Advisory

Week of November 5, 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	●	●

● Good ● Fair ● Caution

Market Opportunities

Items with Good Quality and Market Value

Raspberries & Blackberries:

Raspberry supplies are coming from Florida and blackberry supplies are coming from California and Guatemala. Steady supplies are expected for the next few weeks, with good quality and lower pricing.

Avocados:

Supplies are coming from Mexico. The avocado markets are steady and have leveled off. Smaller sizes are more plentiful than larger sizes but fruit is readily available.

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 Gourds, Mini Pumpkins, Wee Bee Little Pumpkins, Pie Pumpkins, Large Pumpkins (local seasonal supplies are winding down)

Market Alerts

Items to Buy with Caution

Tomatoes:

Tomatoes are going to be in short supply for the next six to eight 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.**

Strawberries:

Rain is expected in some of the California growing areas, which could cause product to become even less available than it has been. Watsonville and Salinas are very near the end of their growing season, and the rain could end the season. Santa Maria and Oxnard are expecting very little rain so we hope it will not affect the supplies there. Expect to see some bruising and smaller size berries. Stem Strawberries are few and far between. Prices will be higher.

Cantaloupe:

Desert regions of California and Arizona. Supplies are very low and the desert is seeing an insect "white fly" issue that has affected yields. Growers are now finished in the San Joaquin Valley. Offshore is due to start up on the east coast in a light way starting next week with better volume starting towards the middle to end of November.

Green Beans:

Due to the hurricane, there will be very tight supplies expected for the next four weeks in Georgia, with high pricing. Quality is reported as only fair.



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Market Sightings

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Just in to BIX Produce!

Local Apple Cider
Available in 4/1 gallon
Item # 94020

Pomegranates
Available in 32-36 count
Item # 3870

Braeburn Apples
Available in 113 count
Item # 1012

Cranberries
Available in 24/12 oz.
Item # 2570

**Coming Soon!
Clementines**
Available in 4/5 lbs.
Item # 2499

Call your BIX representative
for current availability,
pack size and pricing

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BIX Produce	Item	Pack Size	Origin	Item #
	Buddha Hand	5 count	USA	99943
	Brussel Sprout Stalk	9 count	USA	4557
	Purslane	24 count	Mexico	43223
	Yuzu Fruit	10 lbs.	USA	99941
	Garbanzo Beans	15 lbs.	Mexico	4317
	Fresh Olives	16 lbs.	USA	99939

Place orders by Thursday for delivery the following Friday
Place orders by Monday for delivery the following Tuesday



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