# **BIX Produce**

Market Advisory



# Week of February 11, 2018

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		
Grapes, Green		
Grapes, Red		
Lettuce (Head)		
Romaine/Romaine Hearts		
Tender Leaf (Spring Mix, Spinach, Arugula, Baby Kale)		
Melons: Cantaloupe		
Melons: Honeydew		
Melons: Watermelon		
Onions		
Peppers		
Pears		
Potatoes		
Squash		
Tomatoes		

Good

Fair

Caution

# Market Opportunities Items with Good Quality and Market Value

#### Peas:

Good supplies of pea pods and sugar snaps continue to come in from Guatemala and Peru with good quality. Prices are steady to lower. English peas have started again, with light supplies and fair quality.

### **Peppers:**

Steady supplies of green peppers are coming in from Mexico with good quality and no change in pricing. Red and Yellow supplies are greatly improving and quality has been very nice.

#### **Blueberries/Blackberries:**

Blackberry supplies are coming from Mexico and Guatemala. Blueberry supplies are coming from Chile. Very good quality supplies are coming in and prices continue to remain steady.

#### **Strawberries:**

Supplies continue to be good coming in from the Oxnard California growing area, however the holiday pull has been very strong, and growers are having issues keeping up with the demand. Strawberries from Florida are looking very good, and prices are steady to higher due to strong demand. Growers are expecting supplies to continue to improve after the holiday, and quality is expected to be very good.

## **Market Alerts**

Items to Buy with Caution

## **Arugula:**

Baby Arugula continues to be unavailable, as one of the most sensitive items. Wild Arugula has had generally good quality, but we have seen some yellowing and discoloration before use-by dates.

## Squash:

Supplies of yellow squash from Mexico are starting to tighten up due to some issues with white flies. This is causing prices to be higher. However, zucchini supplies are steady with good quality.

#### **Onions:**

The Red and Yellow onion market is showing steady but firm prices from the Northwest U.S. Large yellow onions like Colossal and Super Colossal are coming up short in the sorting of onions and they will continue to be tight. White onions are still in tight supply and some shippers from the Northwest U.S. are already finished with white onions.





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**Market Sightings** 



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**Lemon Plums** #3851 - 48/50 count Origin: Chile



Green Gage Plums #3853 - 11 lbs. Origin: New Zealand



White Nectarines #3385 - 44/48 count Origin: Chile



**Red Dragon Fruit**#2516 - 10 lbs.
Origin: Vietnam



Pink Lemons #99934 - 8 lbs. Origin: USA



**Mandarinquats** #3955 - 10 lbs. Origin: USA

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

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>

# Just in to BIX Produce!



**Pummelo** Available in 12/14 count Item #3890

Supplies coming in from California

#### Taste:

With a light yellow color, Pummelos are juicy, sweet and mildly tart.

## **Availability:**

Mid-winter through early spring.

## **Applications:**

Pummelos can be enjoyed the same way as a grapefruit. The skin and white pith of the Pummelo can be candied as a traditional Chinese treat.

This is a special order item



