

BIX Produce

Market Advisory



Week of March 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 <small>(Spring Mix, Spinach, Arugula, Baby Kale)</small>	●	●
Melons: Cantaloupe	●	●
Melons: Honeydew	●	●
Melons: Watermelon	●	●
Onions	●	●
Peppers	●	●
Pears	●	●
Potatoes	●	●
Squash	●	●
Tomatoes	●	●

● Good ● Fair ● Caution

Market Opportunities

Items with Good Quality and Market Value

Avocados:

Avocado markets seem to have stabilized. Small fruit is very plentiful with larger sizes a little tight. California harvest is going and will increase into March which will help Mexican supply levels.

Honeydew:

Supplies coming from Honduras and Guatemala remain to peak on 5/6ct with 8ct supplies a little more limited. Markets are steady to lower this week. The quality has looked very nice.

Asparagus:

All our inventory is still coming out of Mexico. It looked like the market was going to start moving up here, but in general, prices have remained steady and quality remains good.

Market Alerts

Items to Buy with Caution

Strawberries:

California supplies have become tight due to cooler temps and rain. Prices are up slightly. Quality issues we may see are bruising and some white shoulders. The Florida season is coming to the last few weeks of supplies, and we can expect to see smaller sizing, but the quality should be good.

Cucumbers:

Supplies have become very limited in Mexico due to the cold weather they have experienced over the past week, and prices are way up. Honduras has just started shipping supplies into Florida, which will give a little help to the supply chain. Quality report from Honduras are good.

Limes:

Mexico production has gradually increased but the quality is something we need to watch due to the poor growing conditions (rains and cold temps). Markets look to remain unsteady for the next couple weeks.

LEAFY ITEMS:

Cold weather affected supplies in Yuma 2 weeks ago. We are seeing the consequences now with higher prices and very limited availability across the board. **Head Lettuce:** Supplies are ok on iceberg. Markets have ticked up a bit but nothing drastic yet. We will most likely see quality issues related to freezing over the next few weeks. **Romaine:** Expect to see some blister and peel in our carton romaine due to the cold temperatures in Yuma. The market has started climbing up, as growers will have to stretch their product through to transition in April.



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Market Sightings



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Rambutan

#3885 - 5 lbs.
Origin: Vietnam



Kiwano Melon

#3288 - 10/12count
Origin: New Zealand



Grapple Apples

#1195 - 12/4 count
Origin: USA



Baby Kiwi

#2779 - 12/4.4 oz.
Origin: Chile

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

Place orders by Thursday
for delivery the following Friday

Place orders by Monday
for delivery the following Tuesday

Just in to BIX Produce!

— Revol Greens —



Romaine Crunch

A blend of crisp
romaine & green leaf
#5647 - 2 lbs.
(SO) #5648 - 6/4.5oz



Spring Mix

A blend of tender and
crisp baby lettuce
#5677 - 2 lbs.
(SO) #5685 - 6/4.5oz



Baby Spinach

Tender baby
spinach leaves
#4245 - 2 lbs.
(SO) #4246 - 6/4.5oz



Mighty Spring Mix

Spring mix boosted
with baby spinach
(SO) #5679 - 2 lbs.
(SO) #5681 - 6/4.5oz

