BIX Produce Market Advisory



Week of September 16, 2018

Commodity	Quality	\$\$\$
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		

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Caution

Good

Market Opportunities

Items with Good Quality and Market Value

Honeydew:

California supplies are coming out of the San Joaquin Valley. We are seeing a good range of size currently and the markets are mostly steady. The quality has been excellent!

Pears:

Bartlett variety has good supplies out of Washington. Red Pears have good supplies as well. Bosc, Seckel and Comice Pears are now available out of Washington and Asian Pears are available out of California.

Local Product Availability:

Apples, Bi-Color Corn, Carrots, Green Beans, Cantaloupe, Eggplant, Hydro Bibb Lettuce, Green Peppers, Jalapeno Peppers, Bushel Boy Tomatoes, Radishes, Red Potatoes, Kale, Lacinato Kale, Red/Rainbow/ Green Chard, Medium Carton Red and Green Cabbage, Acorn, Butternut and Spaghetti Squash. Seasonal items will also start coming in this week.

Market Alerts Items to Buy with Caution

Peas:

Supplies continue to be tight for Pea Pods and Sugar Snaps out of Guatemala and Peru. Quality has been good but we are seeing higher pricing.

Oranges:

California Valencia variety will continue to struggle for the next 4-6 weeks with Valencia supplies on the smaller sized fruit. 113 and 138 sizes are extremely limited in supply and the markets are elevated. Quality is fair at best as we are seeing soft rot, decay, mold upon arrival.

Blackberries:

California supplies have started to tighten up in Watsonville and Salinas, and prices are also starting to rise. We expect supplies to be limited for the next 4 weeks, and then Mexico is expected to have better supplies.

Blueberries:

Domestic supplies are quickly winding down for the season, and will likely be finishing up very soon. Product from Peru is expected to enter the country next week, with limited supplies. Prices are higher.

Asparagus:

Markets remain strong. Product is primarily coming from Peru right now. Jumbo asparagus is hard to come by. New regions/crop in Mexico will be firing up here in a couple weeks, which should ease pricing.

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BIX Produce Season Picks

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Kumquats BIX Item #2820 Pack Size: 10 lbs.



Seckel Pears BIX Item #3710 Pack Size: 90-108 ct.



Comice Pears BIX Item #3680 Pack Size: 18 lbs.

Call your BIX rep 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> delivery the following <u>Tuesday</u>



Riverbelle BIX Item #1376 113-125ct

Zestar BIX Item#1320 113-125ct

Sweetango BIX Item#1387 113-125ct McIntosh BIX Item#1500 125ct

Honeycrisp BIX Item#1000 100-113ct

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