



Food Service Report

June 6th, 2019

Lettuce

Iceberg Lettuce Multiple shippers are sold out of this commodity and supplies are expected to remain light for the next 7-10 days. Demand exceeds supplies and the market has turned around completely. A planting gap is upon us and quality is average with most shippers. Some common defects being reported include misshapen heads, insect damage, puffiness, discoloration and mechanical damage. Weights on liner product have been reported between 40-44 pounds.

Leaf Lettuce The market is expected to become stronger by the end of this week, though demand will dictate the outcome. Current supplies are moderate. Favorable weather conditions are forecasted for the remainder of this week. Quality issues being reported include fringe burn, mechanical damage and insect damage. Green and red leaf, as well as butter, have also shown these defects, Weights on romaine are averaging 34-37 lbs., while green and red leaf reported between 22-26 lbs.

Tomato Update

South Carolina/North Florida

Tomato harvest has started in both areas. Production should ramp up as we get deeper into the month. Quality is good with pricing in the mid-teens.

Mexico

Late season Mexican tomato shippers are bringing in moderate amounts of tomato supplies through Nogales and San Diego. Prices are elevated due to the natural crop transition periods from one area to another. Supplies are expected to improve within approximately two weeks. Pricing in the mid to high teens for best quality.

California

Indio has another week left of tomato harvest. Central California tomatoes will begin production early next week. Warmer weather is helping to bring things along.

Weather Outlook

California

A cooling trend out west sweeps through Central California Thursday going into the weekend. High pressure returns Sunday through next week, bringing marine layer conditions on the coast and warm inland temperatures.

Mexico

Isolated to scattered showers continue across Central Mexico with seasonably warm and dry conditions expected going into next week.

Florida

Scattered showers and thunderstorms will intensify across Florida through the weekend under seasonal temperatures. Another system will drop into the southeast early next week with widespread showers and thunderstorms.



Cucumbers

Eastern Supply Plant City and Georgia are both harvesting solid volume. Local eastern programs will start to pop up in the next two weeks. Pricing remains steady with fair to good quality available.

Western Supply The West is working through transitioning from Mainland to Otay and supplies remain consistent with promotional opportunities available. Quality on the older crops are tired and weak, new crops showing excellent quality.

Squash

Eastern Supply Ample supplies available out of Florida, Georgia and South Carolina. Local deals are readily available. Good overall quality, though yellow squash is still showing major scarring.

Western Supply As mainland Mexico's production declines, California and Baja production is ramping up. There will be no transitional gaps at this time. Pricing for Italian squash remains low with yellow squash coming down a few dollars. Excellent quality reported on Italian squash. Yellow squash continues to have major scarring issues.

Avocados

California Demand is strong for California fruit. Volume has increased with shippers; fruit is looking good externally and internally. Pricing remains in step with Mexican fruit. Peruvian arrivals are providing some relief on the market as Mexico winds down and a short California crop.

Mexico Prices remains strong as Michoacán's current crop harvest begins to taper off for the season. There has been a decline in demand over the last couple of weeks. Late season fruit looks rough externally though eating very well. Smaller fruit will be limited for the remainder of June and beginning of July. We are seeing better supplies on larger fruit of this late season crop. Some relief is expected by early August.

Onions

Texas/California Texas and the California desert have minimal supplies consisting of sporadic sizing and colors. New Mexico has started, and markets are rising as demand shifts to this region for new crop supplies. The California valley will start in a light way this week. Markets are active and will continue rising through next week as we transition into the new growing regions.



Bell Peppers

Green Bells Prices are down as supplies continue to improve in California and Georgia. Florida is wrapping up harvest, and Mexico is transitioning to new areas. Quality is mixed due to a combination of old and new crop.

Red Bells Eastern supplies are light due to Honduras imports slowing down, while Georgia is on the brink of starting production. Western supplies remain strong. Quality is good on the majority of product except for Honduras which is fair due to older crop.

Citrus

Lemons Supplies remain tight on 165s and smaller, which is expected to continue until imports arrive. Quality remains good and offshore harvests are expected to start hitting ports by mid-July.

Limes Pricing continues to decline, particularly on larger sized limes. Quality is trending from fair to good with occasional issues of scarring and stylar end rot.