



Retail Market Report

June 5th, 2019

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.

Heirloom Tomatoes Supplies remain limited out of Central Mexico and Baja. New crops delayed due to cooler weather, and volume is forecasted to improve by the week of June 10th. California crops will start the end of July.

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.



Organic Tomatoes

Organic Roma Tomatoes Supplies are steady; however, the market has elevated over the course of the last couple of days. All sizing will remain a crown pick, mostly jumbos until late next week.

Organic Heirloom Tomatoes Supplies remain limited out of Central Mexico, Baja and California. June is typically a challenge due to cooler weather and crop transitions.

Organic Vine Ripe Tomatoes New crop out of Central Mexico is steady.

Organic Red Cherry Tomatoes Supplies have finished out of Central Mexico and Baja remains limited. Volume is forecasted to improve against new plantings by mid-late June.

Melons

Cantaloupe The California desert regions have started with light volume on 12s and larger. Overall quality is nice with 13-14 brix and excellent internal color. The market is strong due to cooler temperatures and volume not coming off at a rapid rate. Weather is expected to warm up next week and should increase available volume.

Honeydew Currently harvesting out of Mexico, Arizona and the California desert region. Good supply on 5s and 6s with limited supplies of smaller fruit. Good quality is expected moving forward out of all regions, weather permitting.

Watermelon The market is weak due to plentiful stocks of domestic and Mexican fruit. Quality is excellent and sugar levels are rising.

Berries

Strawberries Unseasonably cool weather in the Salinas and Watsonville growing regions have reduced overall yields. Volume should start picking up quickly towards the end of this week as warmer temperatures develop. Quality has improved as shippers have already moved past fruit previously affected by the rain events in May. The market will start to ease going into the weekend and next week.

Blueberries Production out of Mexico is declining rapidly. Emphasis is shifting towards West Coast production which is starting to peak with good volume in the Central Valley and Santa Maria on a smaller scale. Product out of the Northwest is projected to start the third week of June.

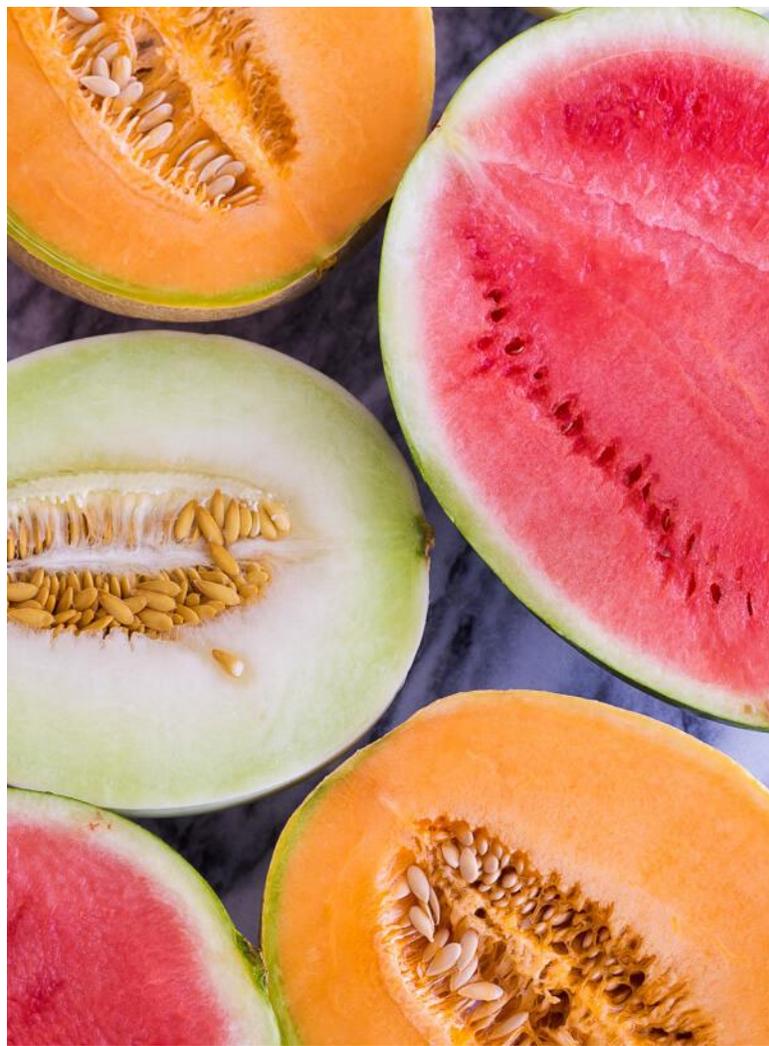
Citrus

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.

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.



Stone Fruit

California The California stone fruit season is gaining momentum and shippers are looking to promote. Red and black plum volume remains light but expected to pick up quickly. Yellow and white peaches and nectarines are in full swing. All pack styles and sizing are available with good volume going forward. Excellent quality reported on all fruit. The warmer weather will facilitate increased sugar levels. Market prices are gradually declining on peaches and nectarines, some aggressive opportunities on smaller volume fill packs. Pluots are projected to start by the end of June.

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.