

MARKET ALERT



December 23, 2021

Brussels Sprouts: Supplies will continue to be very short this week.

Growers are reporting quality issues that is resulting in very short yields. Supplies are expected to be limited for another couple of weeks. (F.O.B pricing for this week \$40.45 - \$41.45)

Grapes: Supply continues to tighten up, demand exceeds supply due to the holidays and domestic/import transition. Expect short supply and increased markets for 2-3 weeks.

Lettuce, Romaine: Supplies are looking better this week. Market pricing continues to improve. Overall quality is only fair at this time. Weights will be on the lighter side until supplies improve. Expect some outer leaf quality issues due to early morning Frost in Yuma. Growers are expecting better supplies in the upcoming weeks. (Romaine pricing for this week \$16.65- \$18.55) (Romaine Hearts pricing for this week \$19.05 - \$21.23)

Mushrooms: The mushroom industry continues with a shortage of labor, as well as cost inflation increases in raw materials. Specifically corrugated cardboard and packaging materials. Additionally, the price increases in freights nationally have greatly impacted cost to mushroom growers. Pricing on mushrooms must increase at this time due to Labor, Transportation, and packaging.

Onions, Y/R/W: This market remains of high concern for the duration of this crop. Price remain much higher than average with reduced yields. Cold weather and snow is now playing a part in the northwest along with continued shortage of trucks and freight concerns.

Onions, Green: Supplies will be light this week. Market pricing has increased for this week. Quality will only be fair at this time. Due to early morning Frost in the North desert region of Mexico, supplies will be light for a few weeks. (F.O.B pricing for this week \$16.75 - \$18.55)

Poblano Peppers: Prices for Chili Peppers are trending down this week. Poblano Pepper prices are still elevated and supply remains tighter. Supplies for all other chili pepper varieties are increasing out of Florida and Mexico. Growers are reporting improved quality too.

Potatoes: This market remains of high concern for the duration of this crop. Price remain much higher than average with reduced yields. Cold weather and snow is now playing a part in the northwest along with continued shortage of trucks and freight concerns.

*The tuck boycott in Colorado is putting a significant strain on transportation in this area

*The Yuma AZ region has had several consecutive days of early morning Frost. This impacts the majority of the leaf lettuce. Iceberg Lettuce and Romaine lettuce are the biggest concerns. As the frost can develop tip burn, epidermal blistering and diseases like Sclerotinia.

*Extreme truck shortage in the majority of the country. Diesel costs up over \$1 YOY

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