

Weekly Market Review February 6, 2025

<u>Overview</u>

We are hitting a good stride on production out of South Florida on several items with good guality and availability across multiple items. Mixed Hot Peppers, Shishitos in particular, remain the lightest in supply. We are seeing similar availability and quality also being observed through Nogales and McAllen. Markets do remain snug on Yellow Squash, Butternut Squash and Domestic Eggplant. The Offshore Table Grape season has improved, and supply is stable. Honeydew volume is also turning a corner, with more vessels arriving this week, bringing daily relief. It is important to note that flexibility on sizing will be necessary to ensure the supply chain is replenished. Banana supply will remain tight into early next week but should gradually improve later in the week. Pineapple availability remains limited across all sizes. After several weeks of strong Avocado harvests, inventories have improved for the Super Bowl. With increased supply, prices have stabilized. Large fruit remains at a high premium due to lower availability. Current field conditions are resulting in a high percentage of grade 2 fruit out of Mexico, which is expected to continue. Avocados have proven to be inelastic for consumer consumption, especially for the Super Bowl- as guacamole is an important staple dish for The Big Game. Volumes being harvested this week in Mexico are light, as Monday was a holiday with no harvest. If the demand (reload) is strong next week, we could see the market strengthen again due to the lower availability of fruit. We are moving into the higher elevated areas with fewer growers. At the start of January, hurricane-force winds and firestorms severely impacted herb production in Southern California and Baja, reducing supply and affecting the entire market. Sage, tarragon, and basil have been particularly affected. The availability of these herbs depends on rising temperatures, with potential supply improvements by mid-February if warming trends continue. However, if cooler temperatures persist, limited availability may extend into early March. Punxsutawney is saying we will have 6 more weeks of winter, but let's hope that we see warmer temperatures before then. Morning temperatures in Yuma remain chilly, with winds and morning freezes still being the biggest issues. It looks like warmer weather is on the horizon, but the cooler morning will continue throughout the week. Harvesting crews are still experiencing some delays. The long-term wind-related damage and morning frost have led to a decrease in supplies with some growers. Specifically on Lettuce and Leafy Greens. Significant icing and blistering conditions have been observed on Cilantro, Arugula, Iceberg, Romaine, and other leafy greens across the Yuma Valley. Arugula and Lettuce have been added to the watchlist, and the situation will continue to be monitored. Arugula is being prorated by some growers. Despite the cold mornings, quality has improved for most other wet vegetable items. Endive, Escarole, Cilantro, Fennel, and Spinach remain escalated, with supply shortages driving market conditions. Spinach is being closely watched and could potentially sustain frost damage. Bok Choy and Leeks remain at the extreme trigger level. Red Cabbage is still slightly escalated, though overall cabbage supplies have improved. Once the warmer weather and the rain rolls in next week, soil temperatures should rise and things should start to normalize. While it will still be a few weeks before we see things level out on this side, better supplies and guality are on the horizon. As a reminder, some growers have items that do not transfer to Yuma, meaning additional fees will apply throughout the Yuma season.

Alert List

- Asparagus ESCALATED
- Avocados ESCALATED
- Bok Choy EXTREME
- Cabbage, Red ESCALATED
- Celery Organic-EXTREME
- Cilantro ESCALATED
- Endive and Escarole ESCALATED
- Fennel, Anise ESCALATED
- French Beans ESCALATED

Watch List

- 1. Banana and Pineapple
- 2. Broccolini
- 3. Arugula
- 4. Cabbage, Green
- 5. Cauliflower

- Herbs ESCALATED
- Hot Peppers (Shishito) **ESCALTED**
- Leeks EXTREME
- Limes ESCALATED ON SOME SIZES
- Melon Cantaloupe ESCALATED
- Melon Honeydew ESCALATED
- Napa ESCALATED
- Parsley (Italian & Curly) ESCALATED
- Spinach ESCALATED
- 6. Lettuce, Iceberg
- 7. Lettuce, Romaine
- 8. Ginger
- 9. Snow Peas & Sugar Snap Peas
- 10. Squash, Yellow

<u>Weather</u>

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Fruits & Vegetables

Avocados: ESCALATED Markets were lower than last week with good availability. Last week's total volumes for the U.S. closed at 63.8M pounds, a 20% drop in overall volume. The Main Crop currently has a dry matter estimate of 30.6%. In the field, availability is stronger for small sizes and sizes 48 and larger are in tighter supply. Due to the extended rainy season, there is a high percentage of grade 2 fruit. Harvest is expected to be shorter this week in observance of Constitution Day on February 3rd. Over 15M pounds have already been harvested this season out of California; last year, it was late March before that volume hit the market. The crop estimate is set at 355M lbs. for the season, similar to last season, which closed at 346M lbs.

Bananas: WATCHLIST Banana imports remain tight but should start to improve next week as more vessels arrive from the Tropics. A combination of cooler and poorer-than-desired weather in the tropics as well as logistic challenges impacted the global supply over the past three weeks. We could see minor pro-rates across the network but that should subside this week. Overall, banana quality has been good despite being in the winter cycle. We are advising distributors and customers to keep a close eye on ripeness; there may be some need to store fruit in warmer locations or wrap fruit. With inventories being light, we see higher turns at the port and ripening centers; some of the fruit may not reach optimum color prior to arrival.

Pineapples: WATCHLIST Pineapples will remain tight and are not expected to improve until the end of February, with peak volume hitting in May. Flexibility in sizes will be necessary over the next 3-4 weeks.

Table Grapes: Current Stable supply is available on whites, reds, globes and black varieties, and we hit a stable production cycle on grapes from Peru and Chile. Quality is good.

Berries

Strawberries: Weekly production continues to increase gradually as plants produce more fruit and additional acres enter the harvest rotation. Following a period of favorable berry-growing weather, a low-pressure system moved into the valley over the weekend, bringing moisture and cooler temperatures. Scattered thunderstorms delivered 0.15 to 0.45 inches of rainfall, averaging 0.25 inches. Daytime highs dropped to the mid-to-upper 50s, with overnight lows reaching the low-to-mid 30s, prompting frost warnings on Sunday and Monday. This week remains cool, with daytime highs in the mid-upper 50s and overnight lows gradually increasing to the mid-upper 30s. Additional rainfall is possible early next week, with forecasts indicating a potential 0.25 inches on Tuesday and Wednesday. Cool temperatures are expected to persist, but no frost warnings are anticipated over the next 10 to 14 days. Conventional SC fruit continues to exhibit excellent size, shape, firmness, and flavor, with large to extra-large fruit displaying an attractive sheen. Cool temperatures and shorter days help maintain fruit firmness and consistency in shape, with minimal issues such as green shoulders or minor deformities. Last weekend's rain caused slight water damage, but the fruit affected remains minimal in packed shipments. Organic SC fruit mirrors the quality of conventional packs, while Organic FC fruit shows slight fatigue due to the cold weather, with some minor defects such as irregular shape, lighter color, and occasional pin rot. Frost damage has also become more evident, with some fruit displaying softness and translucency. Mexican production has officially passed its peak, which occurred approximately two weeks ago. While volume remains strong through mid-February, a rapid decline is expected in the latter half of February through early March. Despite some setbacks, Florida's peak production is still anticipated in February. However, recent cold temperatures have led to a downward adjustment in overall season estimates. Warmer weather next week is expected to improve both volume and fruit quality.

Blackberries: Volume remains steady at peak levels through July, though a slight reduction is expected next week as growers begin pruning. Blackberries maintain good quality, with medium to large sizing, strong sheen, and good firmness. However, some issues are present, including red cell regression, attached calyx, and soft or leaking fruit.

Raspberries: Raspberry volume remains steady at peak levels through April, though a slight dip is expected next week as growers begin pruning. The fruit is strong red, with good size, firmness, and consistency. Most berries are medium-sized, with occasional larger ones. Some overripe and crumbled fruit is present, but crews are actively working to minimize these issues in packed shipments.

Blueberries: Overall supplies remain steady. Warm temperatures (highs in the 70s–80s, lows in the mid-40s) out of Mexico are driving a rapid increase in conventional blueberry production, with volume expected to grow week-over-week until a small peak in March. A steady supply is anticipated through the remainder of the year. Overall, the quality remains excellent. Some redberries, soft/leaking fruit, and shriveling are present due to a frost event in late December–early January. Peru has finished production for the season. High temperatures (daytime 80s–90s, nighttime mid-50s) out of Chile have significantly reduced current and future production. Quality remains good. Chile is in its peak domestic shipping period for February, but open market availability will decline sharply after February due to heat-related supply drops. Both organic and conventional blueberries from Chile are expected to be available through March.

<u>Citrus</u>

Oranges: We continue to see very good quality from California with very good supplies. Size structure is starting to shift into larger sizes, which should help the small fruit market stabilize!

Lemons: The Desert growing regions are reaching the end of the season and will be finishing mid-February. Overall supplies should not be affected as we will see good supplies out of D1 and D2. Quality remains good.

Limes: ESCALATED ON SOME SIZES The market has stabilized as production in Mexico has transitioned to the new crop. Fruit color/quality has much improved; however, rain in the growing areas of Mexico over the past few weeks has led to increased presence of oil spots and styler-end breakdown, which generally appears after repack/sorting while the fruit is in transit. Sizing is running heavier to smaller sizing, which we expect to see throughout the remainder of Q1 as large sizes will be scarce. We expect the market to strengthen in February with lighter availability as we move through the month of February.

Imports/Specialties: California Mandarins and Grapefruit are seeing much better supplies with very good quality. Cara Cara volume is increasing with promotable volume continuing into January. Blood Orange volume continues to increase with very good quality.

West Coast Lettuce

Iceberg: WATCHLIST Lettuce supplies and quality look okay. Weights are expected to be lighter than normal due to the blistering and peeling we are seeing from the frost. We are also seeing weak tips. Continuingly cool temperatures have kept production volumes a bit behind the forecasted schedule as well as causing harvest delays. We have added this item to the watchlist.

Iceberg VA: Quality and supplies look good, but the cool weather could be an issue in the next few weeks.

Romaine & Romaine Hearts: WATCHLIST Romaine and Romaine heart supplies are okay. For Romaine, we are starting to see a bit more maturity, but weight may be lighter than usual due to the issues from the frost. We have seen some clear epidermal peel, blistering and weak tips. Heart material is slowly increasing and allowing for lighter greens and yellows to be seen in the finished product. While supplies are currently steady despite slight delays, we are adding this item to the watchlist. The cold mornings could potentially affect quality and supplies next week.

Romaine VA: Quality and supplies are good but could be affected by the cool weather.

Green Leaf and Red Leaf: Overall quality and supplies look good, but the frost is noticeable on the fields and could start affecting supplies.

Eastern and Western Vegetables:

Green Bell Pepper: Good supply available in Nogals and South Florida. Quality is mostly good.

Color Bell Pepper: Good supply available in Nogals and South Florida. Quality is mostly good.

Mini Sweet Pepper: Supply stable this week loading in Nogales.

Mixed Chili Pepper: ESCALATED Supplies in general are good across most varieties out of Mexico: Jalapeño, Caribes, Serrano and Poblano were good this week. Shishitos are the shortest this week. Supplies are below forecast domestically out of Florida.

Eggplant: Overall supply is good from Mexico; domestic supply is limited. Quality is good.

Slicer Cucumbers: Good supply crossing through Nogales and McAllen as well as Honduras. Quality is good.

English Cucumbers: Good supply available this week crossing from Mexico. Quality on new crop out of Mexico was good.

Pickles: Good supply available crossing through Nogales. Quality is outstanding.

Green Beans: Good supply available and quality is good crossing through Nogales as well as loading in Florida.

French Beans: ESCALATED Production continues to improve, as does quality out of the east. Vessel delays continue to decrease shelf life. Due to the weather, there is a limited supply of conventional French Beans out of Mexico.

Zucchini/Yellow Squash: WATCHLIST Good volume and quality availably shipping from all locations on Italian; markets are shorter on yellow.

Herbs – ESCALATED Basil, Sage, and Tarragon supplies remain extremely limited, while other herbs also face constraints. Cooler temperatures and high winds continue to impact quality and slow plant growth. However, with temperatures expected to be warm in the coming weeks, conditions should improve, helping to alleviate these challenges. We are seeing limited supplies on Arugula and Cilantro due to frost damage. It is impacting the growth, and we are seeing small, uneven bunches along with purple stems and mechanical issues. Prorating is occurring with some growers.

HERB	SUPPLY	QUALITY	COUNTRY OF ORIGIN
Arugula	Limited	Marginal	USA
Basil	Very Limited	Marginal	USA/MEX
Opal Basil	Very Limited	Marginal	USA
Thai Basil	Very Limited	Marginal	USA/MEX
Bay Leaves	Steady	Steady	USA/COL
Chervil	Limited	Limited	USA
Chives	Steady	Steady	MEX
Cilantro	Limited	Marginal	USA/MEX

Dill	Steady	Steady	USA/MEX
Epazote	Steady	Steady	MEX
Lemongrass	Steady	Steady	USA
Marjoram	Steady	Steady	USA
Mint	Steady	Steady	USA
Oregano	Steady	Steady	USA
Italian Parsley	Steady	Steady	USA
Rosemary	Steady	Steady	USA
Sage	Very Limited	Marginal	USA
Savory	Steady	Limited	USA
Sorrel	Steady	Steady	USA
Tarragon	Steady	Steady	MEX
Thyme	Very Limited	Marginal	USA
Lavender	Steady	Steady	USA
Lemon Thyme	Steady	Steady	USA
Lime Leaves	Steady	Steady	USA

Melons

Cantaloupe: ESCALATED Cantaloupe production remains limited, especially on larger sizes. The other challenge we face is continued delays with shipping lanes, which has negatively impacted availability in any given week. We anticipate at least three more weeks of lighter supplies before we get into our second cycle Spring production where we should see an uptick with volume. Although volume will be more, we believe markets will remain strong (likely settling to upper teens to lower 20s) just not as high as we have seen the past two months. Current cantaloupe arrivals are peaking more on 12/15s leaving 9/9Js in a limited position. This sizing trend should continue through next week. Quality has remained strong with solid netting and good color still. Brix levels are averaging 12-13%.

Honeydew: **ESCALATED** The honeydew problem is behind us as production has increased from Honduras and Mexico Markets are seeing downward pressure for sure. Availability is mostly on 5/6s, so a very nice sizing profile and flavor is outstanding.

Watermelon: Stable supply available and demand is light. Fruit is being harvested from Central Mexico as well as Mexico.

Mixed Vegetables

Artichokes: Supplies have improved, and the market is no longer escalated. Quality is okay and continuing to improve.

Asparagus: ESCALATED Caborca/San Luis continues with low volume due to cold temperatures. We should see more volumes as the weather warms. Peruvian volume continues to decrease due to quality and seasonality. Cold weather across the country continues to slow markets, even with less production.

Bok Choy: EXTREME Quality is good, but supplies are still limited. The light supplies are driving the market.

Broccoli/Broccoli Crowns: Quality and supplies have improved. It is cold in the mornings in Yuma and that is not helping the broccoli growth, but supplies seem to be steady. Floret Mini's are still tight, and some growers are extremely short on those.

Broccolini and Sweet Baby Broccoli: WATCHLIST Quality and supplies look good.

Brussels Sprouts: Quality and supplies look good.

Carrots: (JUMBOS, MEDIUMS and CELLOS): WATCHLIST Jumbo Carrot supplies are light, but supplies remain steady on all other sizes and packs with good quality.

Cauliflower: WATCHLIST Supplies and quality are good. Weaker texture is still being reported and there is some mechanical damage and occasional bruising. Shelf life is showing overall good quality, but the frost is slowing growth a bit so we may see some supply issues if the weather doesn't warm up soon. We have added this item to the watchlist.

Celery: Quality and supplies are improving. There has been some weak texture reported causing some mechanical damage. Growers are covering contract business, but some growers are short 30ct and have been subbing 24ct. to ensure contracts are covered. Organic Celery is at the Extreme Trigger due to light supplies.

Corn: Stable supply and good quality available this week out of Mexico and Florida.

Fennel: ESCALATED The fields are seeing lower yields and therefore there is a shortage in supply. Pricing will stay escalated until supplies improve.

KALE: Supplies have improved, and quality is good.

Leeks: EXTREME Leeks are very tight right now and some growers are holding to averages. The market remains escalated.

Garlic: California Garlic is showing very good quality with lighter supplies. Demand is good.

Ginger: Supplies and market are steady.

Green Cabbage: **WATCHLIST** Supply and quality have improved, and the market looks steady but with the cold weather potentially affecting growth, we are going to add this to the watch list.

Green Onions: Supplies and quality look good.

Mushrooms: Supply is stable, and quality is good.

Napa Cabbage: ESCALATED Quality and supplies are improving but there is some insect pressure.

Parsley: ESCALATED (Italian & Curly): Supplies and quality have improved.

Rapini: Quality is good, but supply continues to be light. The market is strong and therefore the supplies will continue to be light.

Red Cabbage: ESCALATED Pricing is still escalated in some markets. Quality is good but supplies are still light with some growers. The market remains very active.

Spinach: ESCALATED Supplies and quality are okay. We have seen some reports of weak texture, discoloration and wilting. The market seems to be rising again. And we are keeping a close eye on this item since the frost seems to be affecting most leafy green items.

Snow Peas and Sugar Snaps: ESCALATED Markets remain active in the West while eastern markets are steady. Guatemalan snow pea and sugar snap production continues to improve, though humidity in growing regions may impact quality. Domestic supply for snow peas and sugar snaps continues to experience a gap, while Mexican production remains steady.

Onions:

The Pacific Northwest storage supplies generally take a bit of a price increase in early Q1. While this is no guarantee, we do anticipate this will be the case with white and red onions. White supplies were light to begin with in the PNW, and we do not anticipate relief there until Mexico begins crossing their supply, which should take place around the middle of Q1 in February. They are typically not very big red suppliers, so we may see the continued pattern of reds remaining elevated until we get into the Spring/Summer months in California. At the moment, all reports are that Mexico will have a healthy crop in terms of quality and volume. Because of this, we are not anticipating the market to be volatile in the near future. However, the Texas crop is still too early to predict. The onions are still far from 'made' that a weather event could still impact their crop. If that were to happen, we would likely see a swift increase on all colors and sizes near the end of Q1.

Potatoes:

No major changes are expected in the short term. Size profiles remain balanced at the moment, with volume deals on carton sizes alternating a bit on a weekly basis, meaning one week it will be 40/50, and the next it will be 80/90. Overall, size does seem to be more plentiful than smaller size count cartons. We will likely begin to see Norkotah supplies taper off toward the end of Q1, with most growers transitioning to Burbank's only during the beginning of Q2. When this takes place, we anticipate that supply could tighten up some as yields were believed to not be as plentiful in Burbank's as they were in Norkotahs this past year. It remains to be seen just how impacted pricing will be and on what sizes exactly. However, we do feel confident that we will not see a cheaper market than we are seeing today.

Tomatoes:

East Coast

- Round and Romas Tomatoes: Harvesting is now in full swing but may slow as a cooler weather pattern remains in place this week. We do expect to see markets remain stable. Quality is excellent.
- Snacking Tomatoes (Cherry, Grape and Medley): Good supply and strong quality available.

Mexico

- Round Tomatoes and Roma Tomatoes: Stable supply and good quality crossing through Nogales and McAllen. Quality has been good.
- Snacking Tomatoes (Cherry, Grape and Medley): Steady supply available and Quality is good.
- Tomato on the Vine: Steady volume available this week.

Apples: Last year, Washington State Apple growers shipped just over 136 million boxes of Apples. This year's total is projected at 124 million. Prices will likely be higher this year and much more manageable of a crop. Projections below Red Delicious – 4 million down from last Season Gold Delicious – 280,000 boxes down from last Season Gr Smiths – 1.1 million boxes down Fuji – 1.5 million boxes down Gala – 3 million boxes down Honeycrisp – 5 million boxes down Cosmic – Up 2.7 million boxes

Pears: The Northwest Pear Crop (Washington/Oregon) is substantially down from last season due to below-average temps in late Feb/early March affecting bud development. The higher elevation areas in Washington were severely impacted, especially the Wenatchee Valley. The Oregon Growing Region was not affected as much as Wenatchee, Washington, but it was still impacted.

The Bartlett Crop out of the Northwest shows 3.8 million shipped last season vs a projected 2.9 million this year for a 14% decrease. It's not substantial in terms of overall volume, but it's still a factor. The cold temperatures will affect the grade, so more Fancy's will be packed than normal. Because the crop is smaller, the size profile has increased by 1 to 2 sizes. Barts to finish by the end of February/beginning of March.

Anjous report at least a 30% total decrease, or 1.85 million boxes less than last year. Also, out of the Wenatchee Valley, there will be more fancy and, for the first time in many years, a 3rd grade Anjous packed. When we start to pack Anjous– this will be your value pear. Anjous to start the week of September 16th, and if growers make it through June, I will be surprised.

Red Anjous are down 7% or 47,000 boxes, so it is nothing dramatic like the others. The question on Red Anjous is whether or not we will see smaller pears such as 120/135 cts. Red pears are supposed to be 1 to 2 sizes larger out of the PNW. Red pears have started with Starkrimsons and will transition into Red Anjou from November through May.

Bosc are down 63% out of the great Northwest, or 1.38 million boxes. This variety was mostly affected, and markets will be much higher than in previous years. Bosc has slowly started with a potential end date last January/middle of February.

Pomegranate: Limited availability

Asian Pears: Peaking in volume. Quality is outstanding.

Cherries: Offshore supplies are steady loading out of Philadelphia.

Tree Fruit: Improving supply on Offshore Peaches, Plums and Nectarines available.

Kiwi Fruit: Supplies fair out of California as well as offshore landing on the East Coast.

Persimmons: Active markets and quality are good on both Hachiya and Fuyu.

Quince: Limited supply available this week.