



## Produce Supply Update September 10th, 2018

### Good Morning!

California strawberry growers are expecting favorable weather over the next month, and harvest volumes to hold fairly steady. They are going into fall, though, and days will be shorter, causing the plants to slow their growth somewhat.

NC growers are cranking back up for round two of their vegetable season. We have local squash, zucchini, peppers, cucumbers and other items arriving daily at the Farmer's Market. We should continue to see many items until the first frost of the year.



Blueberries continue to tighten as British Columbia, Oregon and Michigan wind down. Estimated start to the Argentine season is the Week of 9/17. Some growers have been a little slower to start due to cooler weather and higher demand in Europe.

Watermelons suddenly tightened up last week and

went from glut to gold virtually overnight as all of the local growers finished for the season. Some areas are still harvesting, but they're getting double this week from what they were last week.



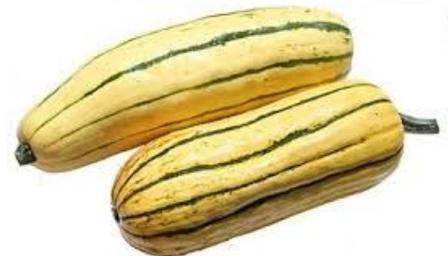
Honeydews and cantaloupes are winding down for the season domestically. Demand is increasing at the same time, driving the market upward. We'll stay with the domestic fruit as long as they're available, then we'll make the move to Central American melons.



Tomatoes continue to be in tight supply. They're just seasonally winding down for the year. We should get another shot of nice fruit after

the heat of summer is passed but before the frost comes.

All colors of corn are plentiful and beautiful, with harvests going on in several areas. Michigan, Ohio, Jersey, and even Canadian farmers are picking corn right now and flooding the market so it's a great time to feature them. They're low in price and high in quality. Expect volume to slow down after Labor Day, but demand should slow about that time also.



Hard, winter type squashes are coming into season, just in time for folks to plan their fall menus. We have butternut, delicata, acorn, and spaghetti squashes.

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*Q: What did the gingerbread  
man put on his bed?*

*A: A Cookie Sheet*

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