



Produce Supply Update

September 24th, 2018

Good Morning!

First of all our thoughts and prayers go out to everyone in NC who suffered ill effects from Hurricane Florence last week. Many lost their homes, many lost their businesses, some lost both. The devastation will be long lasting, and the recovery process even longer.

All of the rains in eastern NC during Florence wiped out basically everything still in the fields of our farmer friends. Many are declaring a total loss for the season and are simply done until next spring. Our sweet potato grower got over 20 inches of rain before harvesting and thinks he lost his entire year of sweet potatoes. Our local fall tomato supplier had a total loss on his tomato crop. There are many examples of farmers that are suffering from the heavy rains that Florence brought with her.

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.



Cucumbers and peppers both cranked up last week, with light supplies coming out of northern growing regions and NC suddenly washed out of the marketplace. Demand for peppers and cucumbers exceeds the current supply. We'll have to wait for Georgia's season to mature before markets settle back down.



The apple harvest is coming on strong in many areas of the country. Lots of varieties of NC apples are available now. We have local fuji, gala, and honeycrisp in stock and available for shipping. Washington State New crop apples are rolling in and they have Bartlett pears, galas, honeycrisp, and some golden

varieties being harvested. Fall is on the way.

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.



Check out our list of dry goods for all of your disposable essentials. We offer a very broad lineup of togo trays, cups, cleaning supplies, and even compostable options. Paper straws are becoming very popular and we have them for you and your customers.



*Q: Why shouldn't you tell an egg a joke?
A: Because it might crack up!*

Thank You for Your Business!

Have a Great Week!

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