



Produce Supply Update October 29th, 2018

Good Morning!

Hurricane Michael did considerable damage to sweet corn fields. Many of the fields are laid over and it is doubtful that they will stand back up as they sometimes do after a storm. California has small volumes of white corn, and Florida will not start until mid-November. It could be a very tight market until then. Prices will remain strong on the limited supply.



Tomatoes were hit particularly hard by Hurricane Matthew. Then we had this cold spell that has wrapped up many harvests. Mexican fields were damaged by a significant amount of rain, shortening their supplies also. Fortunately Florida has begun harvesting and expecting a good season. Tomato markets are still strong, but should be on the slide very soon.

It has been a crazy year for cabbage. I've never seen a long lasting short market like

this. Markets remain tight as demand greatly exceeds supply. Midwest harvests will be completely done by the end of the month, while Texas programs are delayed due to the severe amount of rain received across the state. Southeast harvests are expected to start up the 2nd-3rd week in November. California continues to have limited availability due to high demand, creating expensive markets not normally experienced in cabbage. Expect markets to remain tight for the next month.

California navel oranges are finished for the season, and Chilean and other importing countries are having a difficult time keeping up with demand. Oranges are extremely tight and will likely stay so until a new crop begins. Florida should be starting their citrus season soon, but with the greening disease affecting so many of their farms, it will be very limited production.



Pears should have a great year this year. D'Anjous are showing a 21% increase from last year. Bosc are 54% higher and Bartletts a 35% increase in volume from last year. Overall, the crop is up 29%. Fruit quality is excellent in appearance this year.



We have a broad line of hard winter squashes right now for your fall menus. We have Kabocha, Butternut, Delicata, Spaghetti, Acorn, Sweet Dumpling, and Red Kuri. Lots of delicious and interesting choices.

Q: *What do eye doctors give out on Halloween?*

A: *Candy Corneas.*



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