



## Produce Supply Update March 18th, 2019

### Good Morning!

All lettuce supplies remain tight after the frost with markets higher to start this week. Quality reports show fair overall condition with occasional close trim and some blister on the cap leaves. There is a wide range of quality after the recent frost and rains last week.



Broccoli & Cauliflower are both seeing reduced yields this week. With frost in the field in the mornings, growers are predicting reduced harvests for the next few weeks and, some say, until the Yuma, Arizona season ends! Rain also hit the Salinas area during the first plantings of these crops so we are anticipating a volatile market through the transition to spring

Squash supplies have started to improve some. Spring crops are coming along slowly and

we expect to see better volume next week. Quality is much better than the past few weeks. Florida is supplying decent volume of zucchini with really good quality; however, yellow remains a little bit of a struggle.



Pepper supplies remain short due to the cold weather experienced about two weeks ago in Mexico. In addition to supply shortages in Mexico, we are also dealing with issues at the border and crossings are being constantly delayed. Florida fields continue to struggle to get any kind of volume and it seems like this situation will continue until spring crops get going later this month. We expect pepper



supplies to become somewhat steady yet not abundant by the end of March.

Cantaloupe market has firmed up slightly. We see lighter supplies coming in on vessels for the next few weeks. Quality overall is good with good color, sugar and flavor being reported in most packs.

Supplies of celery remain critically tight this week as the recent frost has slowed growth in the fields. A blight has also effected the crop, further lessening supplies. Quality reports show fair overall quality with occasional frost damage and pith on the outer petioles. These defects are expected to be prevalent over the next two to three weeks. The markets are expected to remain elevated in the near term and supply gaps are expected.

We're harvesting good volumes on many organic lettuce varieties in our greenhouse. Ask for a sample and try some today!

*Q: What job does a leprechaun have at a restaurant?*

*A: A short-order cook*

**Thank You for Your Business!  
Have a Great Week!**

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