



Produce Supply Update

April 8th, 2019

Good Morning!



Cabbage markets have settled in to a more manageable and familiar numbers for cabbage. Pricing is way down. As we move into April much of the labor will be shifting to focus on onions leaving cabbage availability to tighten in this area. Florida continues to have product available with stable markets, and Georgia shippers are projecting to have product available mid April.

Cucumber supply is plentiful in Mexico, and volume is ramping up quickly. Several areas are currently in production and quality has been outstanding and very consistent. Florida spring fields are also in production with steady supply and decent quality. We're finding Mexico to have the best quality right now. With warmer temperatures finally hitting

multiple growing regions, cucumbers are expected to be in good shape through the end of April.

The border closing issue could be a big deal for the produce world. All new crop onions are coming from Mexico currently as well as the normal products that always come from there like limes, avocados, hot peppers, tomatoes, squash, etc. We will have to see how it plays out, but we expect extreme shortages on the majority of vegetables if this happens.



As west coast fields are seasonally becoming the sole area for celery, supplies remain very limited with markets near all time highs. Supplies are expected to vary week to week due to rain related planting gaps that will affect the industry as a whole. Quality reports are listing occasional pith as well as some bottom rot, and some late blight which is worsened

by the rains and subsequent wet conditions.

The market on asparagus is expected to rise this week. With the late Easter holiday this year, both Peruvian and Mexican asparagus supply will be used to cover the increased demand. Volumes will be lower than anticipated since the season in Mexico will be winding down into the holiday, and it's still early for the Peruvian season.

Squash supplies are steady on both coasts. Spring crops in Mexico are coming along and volume is good. Quality has been really nice and it should remain like that at least for the next few weeks as we can finally foresee good weather in the growing regions. Florida fields are ramping up as well; both yellow and green are steady and quality has improved. Georgia fields are about a month away from getting started; but, with Florida and Mexico in full swing, squash should remain plentiful for the next 4 weeks.

Q: Why did the banana go to the doctor?

A: Because it wasn't peeling well!

Thank You for Your Business!

Have a Great Week!

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