



Produce Supply Update

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Good Morning!

East coast peaches are being harvested and they've met with rave reviews from our customers this past week. These tree-ripened old fashioned peaches are a hit every year and are heralds of summer on the way!



Local strawberries are drying up, but our local blueberry season is upon us, and we're looking forward to NC growers having a great year. Quality has been gorgeous so far and volumes should continue to improve as more fields reach maturity and more growers come to market.

The pepper market has started to react and availability on product is compromised. South Florida fields are starting to give up due to extremely hot weather, with many quality problems prevalent. Mexican product through Nogales is

pretty much done for the season. California is into much better volume and great quality but not enough to satisfy the existing nationwide demand. Central Florida supply is available as well but, like on the west coast, not enough to satisfy the demand. Georgia fields are 3 weeks away, at least, from any type of volume. We expect pepper supplies to remain on the shorter side most of this month.

Cucumber supplies remain plentiful in Mexico; crossings through Nogales remain prevalent. Florida spring fields are probably in the last week of production and Georgia volume has started to ramp up quickly; we'll be at the peak of our season during the next 3 weeks. With warmer temperatures finally hitting multiple growing regions, cucumbers are expected to remain as a great promotional item at least for another month through the Memorial Day holiday. Prices are very favorable right now.

Our local growers picked their first squash and zucchini last week, and with the beautiful weather, we're expecting a great season for it. The warm

weather last week has really brought it on.



Corn growers are really reaching their stride and looking to move some product. There is plenty of volume of corn in Florida and the quality has been excellent.



Grape inventories nationwide have begun to wind down into mid-May, with the delayed start of new crop grapes out of Mexico helping to clean up much of the excess volume that arrived through April. The industry should finally see the Mexican green seedless grape harvest pick up next week; although, most growers only anticipate very light volume for a few weeks.

Q: What do pancakes and baseball have in common?

A: They both depend on the batter!

Thank You for Your Business!

Have a Great Week!

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