



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! As the season continues, prices are easing downwards, but quality is getting better.



Strawberries have been extremely tight for the past 2 weeks due to rain, flooding and hail storms in growing area of California. NC growers finished up last week with the 100 degree days. That's death on strawberries and quality really suffered. California has dried back out now, and after stripping the vines of fruit, the plants have re fruited and they're up and going again. Supplies and quality have improved dramatically.

Northern Mexico and Southern California are beginning their melon seasons, and honeydews and cantaloupes are much more widely available. Quality should be improving also, as they don't have to pick them prematurely to successfully make the trip to America on a boat.

As pepper production is moving into Georgia, we're seeing lower pricing on the stronger volumes. Quality has been excellent, but there are few smaller bells, since the plant always produces the larger "Crown" fruit first. As the fields mature and farmers go back for second harvests, we'll get more medium sized.

Cucumber season has begun in NC, and with the heavy volumes, pricing is very favorable.

Squash remains plentiful across multiple growing regions. Georgia is at the peak of the season, with both yellow and green plentiful and quality pretty good, for the most part. Nogales and Florida are still in the game; zucchini more available for sure, yellow is pretty much done for the

season. Other local regions like South Carolina, Texas, North Carolina, Virginia, and New Jersey are getting started with their summer squash program.

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.



We're stocking and shipping local cherries currently. We have red cherries and Rainiers. This is the first time I remember local growers selling them. Last year they tried, but rain wiped them out before their first harvest. Get them while you can.

Grapes from Chile are finishing their season, and with supplies so extremely short it has been difficult to find good quality. We're all looking forward to the new crop grapes this coming week from Mexico.

Q: What do you call a dentist in the army?

A: A drill sergeant.

Thank You for Your Business!

Have a Great Week!

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