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# Organic Market Report



**Week of: May 9, 2022**

## FRUITS:

**Apples/Pears** – Northwest apples remain limited on certain varieties as we are late into the season. Imported Bartletts are back in stock. New crop imported Gala and Granny Smith have started but we will stay with Northwest fruit a little longer.



*Great pricing on Organic Blueberries the next couple of weeks!*

**Berries** – Strawberry quality improving, and all product is now shipping from California. Blueberries are winding down from Mexico and we should be into mostly California fruit this month. Sharp pricing compared to the market the next couple of weeks. Raspberries remain limited but supply should start to improve by the end of the month. Blackberries also expected to remain limited the early part of May.

**Citrus** – Navels are finishing up this week. We also have Valencia bulk and bags in house. Lemon & grapefruit markets starting to tighten up as we move towards summer. Lime market expected to ease some over the next couple of weeks.

**Tropicals** – Tommy Atkin mangos quality has been very nice, but markets are up some due to industry wide supply being down vs last year. Pineapples are steady in price and quality. Avocado prices remain firm on all organic avocados.

**Summer Fruits – Coming Soon!** We are right around the corner from the start of summer fruit season. Here are the latest updates

- Apricots are due in Sunday this week. 80/84ct 2-layer cases.
- California cantaloupe expected to be in around May 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Green & red seedless grapes out of Mexico expected to be in the week of May 16<sup>th</sup>.
- California peaches due in late next week - 60/64ct 2-layer cases. Nectarines, plums and pluots will be coming around June.
- Seedless mini watermelons expected to arrive late week – most likely 6ct on our first arrival.

## VEGETABLES:

**Asparagus** – Prices have increased some and supply has tightened up as it heats up in Mexico. We expect to see some Washington grown asparagus sometime in May or June.

**Broccoli/Cauliflower** - Very strong supply on 14ct broccoli and 18ct broccollette.

Good promotional opportunities on both. Cauliflower prices are stable with good quality.

**Cucumbers** – Markets remain nicely priced with good quality. Euro or seedless cucumbers also remain plentiful with promotional opportunities.

**Carrots:** Supply for the most part is back to normal on most carrots. We are still seeing some smaller sizing on juice carrots and some supply issues on those.

**Celery** – Markets are very tight as many growers are gapping or limited in supplies over the next few weeks. Expect to see higher pricing and some availability issues.

**Greens & Lettuces** – 24ct Green leaf, red leaf and romaine are in good shape as we move into May. Romaine hearts markets continue to improve. Good promotional opportunities. Greens overall remain steady with good quality, pricing, and supply. Some Southern region shippers are finishing up which will lead to slightly higher pricing in the weeks ahead.

**Onions/Potatoes** - New crop onions, red potatoes and yellow potatoes have started from California. New crop red onions from Mexico have also started. We will see Washington russets be available for only about 2-3 more weeks and then finish for the season. We might see some small gaps on availability until California starts their harvest sometime in June.

**Squash** – Yellow and zucchini squash supply remain very good with great pricing.

**Tomatoes** – Supply and overall pricing remains very good.



*Great pricing continues on 18ct Broccollette!*



*Pete's Organic Butter Lettuce is due in this week!*