



# Organic Market Report



Week of: May 23, 2022

## FRUITS:



*Good supply of Strawberries are expected going into Memorial Day.*

**Berries** – Strawberry supply and quality continue to improve. Good promotional item for the next month. Raspberries and blackberries are steady but no real volume deals will be available until we get into July. Blueberries out of California and Mexico continue to be limited. Oregon should be starting up in late June. The Northwest crop is expected to be good, and we should see some good promotional opportunities barring any weather incidents.

**Citrus** – Valencia bulk and bags are in house. Lemon & grapefruit markets starting to tighten up as we move towards summer. Lime market is coming off quickly.

**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** – California peaches and nectarines are in house now. Plumcots (pluots) are coming in soon along with plums. Apricots were in but are going thru a small gap and should be back in the first week of June.

**Melons** – The first of the season California cantaloupes and mini seedless watermelons from Mexico are in. Mini seedless watermelons will arrive from California next week. Honeydews are expected to become available later in June.

**Table Grapes** – The first of the season Mexican red and green seedless grapes should arrive to us early week. We expect to have good supply and some promotional opportunities as we get into the last part of June. These will be 18lb cases and grapes will arrive in zip pouches.

*Mini seedless watermelons and cantaloupes are now shipping!*



## VEGETABLES:

**Asparagus** – Prices have increased some and supply has tightened up as it heats up in Mexico. We expect markets to remain higher but are expecting to see some Asparagus out of Washington as early as late this week.

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

Broccollette. Good promotional opportunities continue 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:** Carrot supply is expected to be back to normal starting this week.

**Celery** – **ALERT ITEM!** Markets are very tight on both celery and celery hearts 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 mid-May. Romaine hearts market 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** - **ALERT ITEM!** Washington russets are finishing up for the season. We are now finished until new crop California russets start the end of June. New crop yellow onions, red potatoes and yellow potatoes have started from California. New crop red onions from Mexico & California have also started.

**Squash** – Yellow and zucchini squash supply remain very good with great pricing. Winter squash remains limited with all product still shipping out of Mexico.

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



*Great color on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the season California peaches!*



*Pete's Organic Butter Lettuce is back in stock!*