

Raw product supply on all tender leaf items will remain somewhat limited for the next 7-14 days. While there is help on the way this weekend in the form of warmer and more seasonable temps in the Desert growing regions; our current yields remain low due to weeks of well below normal temperatures. On the service side production delays due to limited inventory levels will continue to result in later than normal production times. Please reach out with any questions.

Organic/Conventional Arugula: We are hopeful to see a slow and steady improvement in supplies starting with today's harvest in Yuma. We are breaking into new fields, where mildew and yellowing issues are still present, but not nearly to the extent as in previous weeks. All of our arugula plantings have seen reduced growth rates due to the weather, so while mildew pressure is easing we are simultaneously challenged with small sizing and depressed yield to the acre. Our customers "pipelines" are empty, naturally demand will be very high, we do not expect to have the volume available to support backfills after the current shortage. Assuming all harvests for the remainder of the week as marketable, we should fill at least 25-40% of the straight packs orders through the weekend. If all goes well on the quality side over the next few days we should see continued improvement on fill rates into next week. "Filling in full" likely won't be possible until the week of Feb 3rd.





Spinach: Mildew pressure & sluggish growth across our system has our forecast slightly below budgets on both organic and conventional spinach through next week. Varying degrees of discoloration and mechanical damage is present in most plantings. The discoloration issues are forcing our team to harvest earlier than normal in order to prevent further quality degradation but this opens the possibilities of an uptick in cotyledons. The cotyledons are typically are not captured in harvests but since our spinach crop is smaller than normal, and sitting closer to the ground we are catching the material at a higher rate. At the plant level we will slow down the sorters and attempt to eliminate as many of the cotyledons as possible but a very small percentage will likely make it in finished goods.



Organic Spring Mix and Kales: Similar to spinach, a slow-down in maturity rates, uneven growth and yellowing issues has put a strain on supplies for the next two weeks.