

Weekly Market Review

June 24, 2021

Overview

California made it through the heatwave with three days of above normal temperatures in all growing areas which may affect supply. It's too soon to fairly evaluate the conditions of crops, but our growers are assessing conditions as crops mature. On the tomato front we do expect the roma and grape tomato supply to improve as production slowly starts out of newer areas begin in the east, Tennessee, Arkansas, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia, and in the west, California and Baja. The banana market continues to remain firm as sales surge and the Force Majeure continues. With that said, this will be lifted around week 26 and should see relief on the horizon early July.

Market Alert

- Bananas – **ACT OF GOD/FORCE MAJEURE**
- Carrots (Jumbo) – **ESCALATED**
- Garlic – **EXTREME**
- Ginger – **EXTREME**
- Pears (Smaller Sizes) – **EXTREME**
- Tomatoes – Grape, Cherry & Roma (Mexico and Florida) - **ESCALATED**

WATCH LIST

- Apples (Small size Granny Smith)
- Avocados
- Beans-Green
- Bell Pepper Green and Red
- Corn
- Eggplant
- Mushrooms
- Slicer Cucumber
- Tomatoes East and West (Rounds)
- Transportation

Transportation

Freight rates continue to impact all concepts resulting from increases on the cost of truck loads, due to the ongoing upsurge in fuel prices in addition to labor with shortage of drivers and warehouse pickers. This is coupled with a large increase cost of pallets, and inflation at an 8-10%. It truly is an unprecedented time in the freight market, so please reach out to your Produce Alliance representative to understand solutions from sourcing outside of produce items, to evaluating pricing moving items from whole to processed on account of labor, and deeper yield per case.

National fuel prices have been jumping daily since January; the national average price per gallon for diesel was \$3.28 per gallon with the east coast averaging \$3.27/gallon and California averaging \$4.09/gallon. Produce Alliance and its Members are working to negotiate the best freight rates with the most reliable freight companies. We thank you for your partnership as we work through this extremely challenging period facing our industry.

Weather

OXNARD, CA:

Thu 6/24	Fri 6/25	Sat 6/26	Sun 6/27	Mon 6/28	Tue 6/29	Wed 6/30
69° 57°F	70° 59°F	71° 61°F	72° 62°F	72° 62°F	73° 62°F	73° 62°F
Partly Cloudy	Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy
0 in	0 in	0 in	0 in	0 in	0 in	0 in

YUMA, AZ:

Thu 6/24	Fri 6/25	Sat 6/26	Sun 6/27	Mon 6/28	Tue 6/29	Wed 6/30
106° 79°F	108° 76°F	109° 79°F	111° 82°F	112° 85°F	108° 85°F	104° 84°F
Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy
0 in	0 in					

LAKE PARK, GA

Thu 6/24	Fri 6/25	Sat 6/26	Sun 6/27	Mon 6/28	Tue 6/29	Wed 6/30
81° 68°F	87° 69°F	90° 71°F	89° 70°F	89° 70°F	88° 70°F	88° 70°F
PM	PM	PM	Mostly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	PM	PM
Thunderstorms	Thunderstorms	Thunderstorms	0 in	0 in	Thunderstorms	Thunderstorms
0.11 in	0.17 in	0.04 in	0 in	0 in	0.13 in	0.12 in

IMMOKALEE, FL

Thu 6/24	Fri 6/25	Sat 6/26	Sun 6/27	Mon 6/28	Tue 6/29	Wed 6/30
86° 71°F	89° 71°F	89° 72°F	89° 71°F	89° 72°F	88° 71°F	87° 71°F
PM	PM	PM	PM	Scattered	Scattered	Scattered
Thunderstorms						
0.21 in	0.15 in	0.17 in	0.19 in	0.25 in	0.36 in	0.39 in

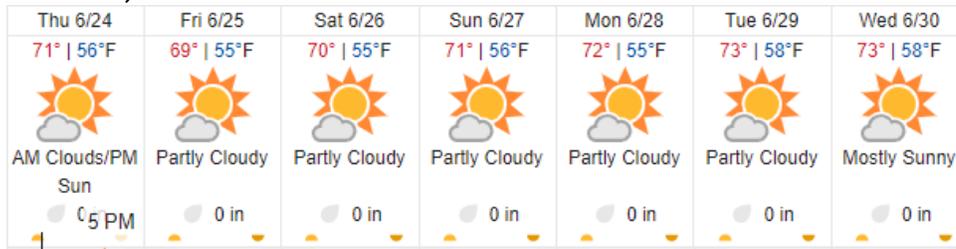
VIZCAINO, BAJA SUR

Thu 6/24	Fri 6/25	Sat 6/26	Sun 6/27	Mon 6/28	Tue 6/29	Wed 6/30
90° 81°F	91° 81°F	89° 81°F	92° 81°F	91° 80°F	90° 80°F	88° 79°F
Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny
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JALISCO, MX:

Thu 6/24	Fri 6/25	Sat 6/26	Sun 6/27	Mon 6/28	Tue 6/29	Wed 6/30
81° 66°F	81° 65°F	84° 65°F	82° 66°F	78° 66°F	77° 65°F	77° 66°F
Heavy	Scattered	PM	PM	Scattered	PM	Scattered
Thunderstorms						
.19 in	0.93 in	0.28 in	0.48 in	0.5 in	0.51 in	0.55 in

SALINAS, CA:



Good Buys

Commodity	Market Update	PRODUCE EXPERT TIP
Zucchini	Strong production now underway out of South Georgia and quality is excellent. In the west we should see Mexico wrap up the season any day with a smooth transition over to the Central Valley and Central Coast starting mid-week. Quality is outstanding.	Sliced and breaded, or cubed and sauteed, Italian squash aka zucchini is a delicious cooked in any type of way. One of our favorite ways to eat zucchini is by slicing it down the middle length wise and scooping out the seeds to make a boat. This way you can fill it with ground beef, diced chicken, or any type of protein and load it with cheese!! YUM!

Fruits & Vegetables

Avocados: Market pricing has declined as last week Mexico had a big harvest bringing over 50 MIL lbs. to the U.S. with a total volume to the U.S. at 72MIL lbs. The size curve remains skewed to the larger sizes and that's where the market is weak. Mexico's current crop "Normal" is winding down, the fruit on the trees is sized up and smaller fruit: 60/70/84s are tight. Additionally, Peru arrivals to the U.S. are mostly 48s and larger adding to the stronger market on small fruit. Mexican avocados are high in dry matter - 34.5%, the fruit is eating fantastic, but its shelf life is shorter, best to keep inventories lighter as fruit will ripen quickly. The next crop will begin in approx. 3 weeks and at that time dry matter will decrease as fruit is less mature.

Bananas: **ACT OF GOD** Banana bunker will be going up for Q3 to \$1.02 per 40lb cases of bananas due to increased ocean fuel pricing. The 24ct banana bunker will be \$.26 per box. This increase will be effective with deliveries as of 7/4. The banana surcharge will be dropping off the 40lb and 24ct bananas as of Friday the 26th. Overall banana quality is good, and supply is back to where we would expect it to be during this time of the year.

Pineapples: Volumes of 6cts are tight but 5s, 7s and 8s are available. Quality is good and supply will be good for the foreseeable future.

Grapes: The Mexican grape market is showing pretty high prices but will come down here within the next week or so. Mexico continues to experience heavy rains this week delaying the harvest process and causing quality issues on the fruit. Product will take around 3-4 days to start showing quality issues. With the excess of rain and high temperatures shelf life will be affected, we will continue to rest the fruit for a longer period to avoid these issues. There is still a two-tier market at the border, Mexico showing higher prices on fresh product and shippers continue to move high inventories at lower prices. Demand remains low and clients continue to request protection when loading. Weather permitted, we should see more product crossing to the US and prices decreasing.

Berries

Strawberries: We have reached peak supply this week and expect these levels to continue into next week as there has been warm weather across production areas promoting an acceleration of fruit maturation. We expect volumes to remain steady for the next two weeks before volumes begin to decrease. Although temperatures have been over 90°F in some areas, most ranches experienced lower temperatures. Therefore, will continue to monitor fruit quality and fruit size. The Northern District is entering peak volumes with hot weather this week and there has been an uptick in riper fruit and an increase in basket counts as fruit is sizing down. Santa Maria is also experiencing a heatwave with temperatures in the mid-90s in some parts of the district and growers are harvesting ahead to ensure quality is maintained through the heatwave. The district has delayed the new planting to keep the focus on quality during this hot weather.

Blueberries: The Mexico season will finish this week and we are past the peak of Baja production, and will continue to see decreasing volumes for 2 more weeks. SJV is past peak and will decrease for the next few weeks, North Carolina production past peak and will continue for another week with low volumes, and New Jersey volume will continue with low and increasing volumes. The San Joaquin Valley production is down-trending and weather is anticipated to reach 110 this week which will impact quality and the Northern District has reported good overall quality. Lastly, North Carolina has seen some quality challenges because of heavy rainfall and heat.

Blackberries: We are on an upward trend, and we expect supplies to continue to improve in the coming weeks out of most of our producing areas. We expect supplies out of California to continue to ramp up, as well as North Carolina. Central Mexico is ending its season this week and packing only for the national market and the Northern District has reported a big jump in production this week and flavor has been good across the district. Santa Maria has reported good overall quality with good flavor, Oxnard flavor has been strong with high average brix and Baja had sporadic good size and brix.

Raspberries: Supplies will be favorable over the next several weeks. Our production will be out of California and Baja, as the CMex season will end in this week. Production looks to be above initial expectations, due to the materialization of production that was delayed out of California. Oxnard has seen good overall quality and weather in the district isn't as hot as the Northern District and Santa Maria, so quality should maintain. Santa Maria has seen good overall quality as volume increases towards peak volumes. The Northern District has created a watch list to monitor ranches with high rates of rejections. Central Mexico continues closing ranches with quality challenges as they downtrend in production.

California / Arizona

Citrus

Navels: Peaking on 72s and larger in Fancy grade. 88s/113s/138s are tight and being reserved for commitments. Tightness is coming from it inching towards the end of Season as we transition into CA Valencia's. For commitments, we have small Valencia's available if needed to cover where Navels are tight.

Lemons: With labor down, we are very tight and almost sold out weekly. All fruit being used is to go towards commitments. If any orders are out of commitment, we will always evaluate and check availability, but there are no promises on coverage at this time.

Limes: Availability has increased, and we are seeing consistency daily from harvest. The market isn't completely stable, but prices have decreased. Mostly 150s/175s/200s/230s/250s available, and minimal 110s. Supply is expected to be strong during June and July with manifest peaking on 200's, ideal to support

promotional activity. We need to be vigilant regarding the weather as there is high probability for an active hurricane season.

Grapefruit: California grapefruit is available in Riverside & small sizes are available in Central Valley. Fruit is peaking on the smaller sizes: 40/48/56s (mostly Sunkist/Fancy Grade), with large sizes in tight supplies, often retail buyers will sub down to 40ct putting a lot of pressure on that size. We anticipate 40ct & large pricing to remain firm and continue to inch up each week.

Imports/Specialties available:

- Mandarins – Expected to finish up this week.
- Gold Nuggets – All sizes available.
- Import clementines/mandarins are available.

West Coast Lettuce

Butter: Salinas Production volumes are steady this week. Warming daytime temperatures could present some increased occurrence of light burn on this delicate item.

Green Leaf: Salinas Green Leaf production volumes are tracking slightly above budget for the week, but overall quality is nice with a good green color, full heads, and good texture. Recent winds have produced some fringe burn, demand is steadily increasing and FOB pricing steady.

Red Leaf: Good volume with good quality and the market is steady.

Romaine & Romaine Hearts: Romaine and romaine heart production supplies are on budget for the week. Plants are exhibiting good color, texture, and quality overall. We are experiencing some light fringe burn at the field level. Overall demand is increasing while FOB prices are firming.

Iceberg Lettuce: Lettuce supplies continue to be lighter than budget for this week and looks like it will stay that way through next week. The heat spike we had last week had an impact on the crops overall. Quality continues to be solid so far and demand has increased overall on all sizes and styles. The market forecast is for increased demand with the holiday coming.

Eastern and Western Vegetables

Green Bell Pepper: **WATCH LIST** South Georgia continues to produce decent numbers but will begin to slow down this week, we should see other local regions break field over the next two weeks in North Carolina and Tennessee. In the west, Coachella is done and the transition to the Central Valley is complete. Overall quality has been good, and volume has been strong however we will need to watch quality over the next week following last week's heat wave. We could see some sun scalding, sizing, and other quality issues as some of the crops mature.

Red Bell Pepper: **WATCH LIST** Supply will remain steady this week as we finish up out of Coachella and transition to Arvin. We also have good volume out of Baja and Canada available. We will need to watch how the plants react to the heatwave over the weekend. With extreme heat, we could see sun scalding, sizing, and other quality issues for the next several weeks.

Yellow Bell Pepper: Lighter supply this week with strong quality available

Mini Sweet Pepper: Excellent supply and quality crossing through Otay Mesa.

Mixed Chili Pepper: WATCH LIST Supply has been improving daily on all mixed chilis out of South Georgia and should see stable markets for several weeks. Loading in McAllen there should be no supply or quality issues expected over the next several weeks. Nogales finished crossing early due to heat related quality issues and a hot National Market. California is seeing delays and quality issues due to heat leaving Baja as the sole provider of reliable pepper for the next several weeks until the Central Coast ramps up.

Eggplant: WATCH LIST Good supply now available out of South Georgia and other local growers will be ramping up over the next two weeks and quality is excellent. In the west, the valley is now in full swing with outstanding quality.

Slicer Cucumbers: WATCH LIST Supply is lighter out of South Georgia and North Carolina this week mainly due to weather. We may see active markets over the next 2 weeks as we watch transition to Michigan and Virginia. Cucumbers in the west are coming on stronger this week through Otay Nogales and McAllen. Overall quality is good.

English Cucumbers: Markets increased this week as demand increases due to lower supply on pole cucumbers. Quality remains strong.

Pickles: Markets are easing back as volume increases out of Florida.

Green Beans: WATCH LIST We are seeing extremely tight numbers this week as Georgia wraps up for the season and transition north has been slower than expected. We should see this improve over the next two weeks as the new areas begin to harvest. In the west, supply is ramping up out of Fresno and other local regional districts; however, will need to watch quality and supply closely as last week's heatwave may affect supply out of Fresno and Brentwood areas. We should see some additional supply out of the central coast and Baja become available soon.

French Beans: Good volume and there is more interest for French beans as the food service sector continue to open as well as the loss of production in conventional beans. Prices are pushing higher this week and quality is excellent.

Zucchini/Yellow Squash: Strong production now underway out of South Georgia and quality is excellent. In the west we should see Mexico wrap up the season any day with a smooth transition over to the Central Valley and Central Coast starting mid-week. Quality is outstanding.

Herbs

We are seeing very good supply on almost all fresh herbs and flowers at this time and quality is outstanding.

HERB	SUPPLY	QUALITY	COUNTRY OF ORIGIN
Arugula	Steady	Marginal	USA
Basil	Steady	Steady	USA/ MEXICO
Opal Basil	Steady	Steady	USA

Thai Basil	Steady	Steady	USA
Bay Leaves	Steady	Steady	USA
Chervil	Steady	Marginal	USA
Chives	Steady	Steady	MEXICO
Cilantro	Steady	Steady	USA
Dill	Steady	Steady	USA/MEXICO
Epazote	Steady	Steady	MEXICO
Lemongrass	Steady	Steady	USA
Marjoram	Steady	Steady	USA
Mint	Steady	Steady	USA
Oregano	Steady	Steady	USA
Italian Parsley	Steady	Steady	USA
Rosemary	Steady	Steady	USA
Sage	Steady	Steady	USA
Savory	Steady	Steady	USA
Sorrel	Steady	Steady	USA
Tarragon	Steady	Steady	USA
Thyme	Steady	Steady	USA/MEXICO
Lemon Thyme	Steady	Steady	USA
Lavender	Steady	Steady	USA
Lime Leaves	Steady	Steady	USA

Melons

Cantaloupe: Very high temperatures experienced the week of 6/14 in Arizona has severely affected sizing whereas most being harvested in central AZ and the Imperial Valley are 9s and larger. Very few 12s and 15s are being seen and this trend should continue through the balance of this deal which should conclude by early July. Cantaloupe in the Firebaugh district will begin harvesting in a small way by later next week and pick up momentum the week of 7/5. Pictures from Classic's first fields can be seen below.

Honeydew: Honeydew production remains in a close to demand exceeds situation. Very few honeydews have been grown this season in the desert and even fewer have been crossing through Nogales. Classic's honeydew program in central CA will begin approximately seven days after the cantaloupes start. Lower supply and strong pricing are projected to continue over at least the next two weeks.

Watermelon: Markets firmed up this week with strong demand out of Florida, Georgia and Alabama. Texas is also seeing more demand than normal. Logistics continues to be a challenge in all markets. Sizing is peaking on 60's this week.

Mixed Vegetables

Artichokes: Quality is excellent, and we expect volume to slowly decline as we move through the month of June. Prices are steady to lower depending on size.

Arugula: Supply and quality are good.

Asparagus: **Peru:** Good volume, quality, and demand. **Mexico:** Central Mexico is expecting to start 1st/2nd week of June.

Bok Choy: Supplies are expected to be plentiful for the next three weeks. Now is an opportunity for promotion.

Broccoli/Broccoli Florets: Supply is steady, but quality suffered from the previous hot weather. We have lost some product and are seeing some brown bead.

Brussels Sprouts: Sprout supplies for the coming 1-2 weeks look strong and now is a great time to promote! Quality is excellent and both VA and bulk SKUs should be plentiful with sufficient notice; consult with your CB Sales rep to learn more.

Carrots: **ESCALATED** Quality is good, still seeing limited supply on jumbos and very limited on snack packs out of California as Jumbos are still not sizing up. Jumbo Carrots available to load in Arizona.

Cauliflower: Supplies are expected to be plentiful this week. Overall quality and appearance should be very nice.

Celery: Business is better this week with good supply. Quality is good and the market is better in Salinas. Oxnard and Mexico are now finished, and we are fully transitioned to Salinas.

Corn: **WATCH LIST** We are seeing good volume and quality out of South Georgia. In the west we have steady supply available however need to watch the conditions closely due to last week's heatwave that could affect quality over the next several weeks.

Cilantro: Supplies are expected to be plentiful for the next three weeks. Now is an opportunity for promotion.

Fennel: Lower volume this week. Quality is strong overall.

Garlic: **EXTREME** California garlic supply will be very short for the balance of the season until new crop gets started in late June / early July. We will be shipping California garlic for a short while and then will be transitioning to product of Mexico until the new crop California garlic gets going. Market remains extreme.

Ginger: **EXTREME** Ginger is very volatile due to very inconsistent supply and market is higher. Supply remains tight for the foreseeable future.

Green Cabbage: Supplies are steady. Quality remains consistent with sizing and overall appearance. Now is a great time to promote product with additional availability.

Green Onions: Supplies and quality are good this week.

Jicama: Steady supply available crossing through McAllen.

Kale (Green): Bunched Kale supplies are expected to be plentiful for the next few weeks. Now is a good opportunity for promoting product.

Mushrooms: **WATCH LIST** We are seeing an overall stable market however there going to be potential shortages of button sized mushrooms as labor costs and a shortage of labor continue to impact the mushroom industry nationwide. These shortages are forcing growers to make economic decisions that produce the best yield per man hour, the smaller mushrooms tend to produce the lowest yields per man-hour.

Napa: Supplies are expected to be plentiful for the next three weeks. Now is an opportunity for promotion.

Parsley (Curly, Italian): We will have great quality and good supplies over the next few weeks. Now is a perfect time to promote with additional availability!

Rapini: Good supplies on rabe this week with extra product available to sell. Quality remains strong overall.

Red Cabbage: Supplies are steady with good quality.

Snow Peas: Quality is good. Guatemala has good volume and Peru volume is light but will be increasing 2nd week of July

Sugar Snap Peas: Quality is good. Guatemala has good volume and Peru volume is light but will be increasing 2nd week of July

Spinach (Bunched): Cool foggy mornings are causing some mildew and warmer afternoons are causing insect presence.

Spinach (Baby): Supply and quality are good.

Spring Mix: Cool foggy mornings are causing some mildew and warmer afternoons are causing insect presence.

Sweet Potatoes and Yams: New crop harvest starts as soon as next week for some sweet potato growers. We are looking at new crop shipments starting in about 6 weeks after they cure. Last year's crop is starting to dwindle, and inventory is getting tight, but supply should hold to avoid gap.

Onions:

The Imperial Valley has finished up entirely, and both San Joaquin Valley and New Mexico shippers are shipping at full capacity. FOB pricing remains stagnant on all colors and sizes now. Where previously Colossals and Super Colossals were a bit tighter, we are now seeing onions running bigger and mediums

becoming a bit tighter. Size profiles out of all shipping regions remain heavy to jumbos for foodservice. High temperatures in virtually all onion shipping regions are not affording shippers the luxuries to pass on orders with trucks in hand. While the country has continued to open, and foodservice demand has largely returned, movement and FOBs continued to be pressured down due to the shortage in truck capacity, and exorbitant rates. The concern surrounding trucks continues to dominate the onion world. There does appear to be some temporary relief on the horizon as it appears more drivers are getting back to work with a lot of the elevated stimulus programs coming to an end. Additionally, lumber prices have fallen by as much as 40% in recent weeks, and many are predicting that this could be a sign of a correction coming in other industry and commodities as well. However, with the 4th of July around the corner, we expect rates will bounce back up in the coming weeks, and then there may be a chance we will see a bit of longer-term relief in the Fall until the Thanksgiving/Christmas Holiday push kicks in.

Potatoes:

The potato market continues to move upward due to increased demand for foodservice. Norkotahs have finished up, and it is all Burbanks and White Russets from here on out until new Crop starts in early August. Because Burbanks do not run as large as Norkotahs, large size count cartons have further tightened on what was already a short supply. 40ct Potatoes are exceptionally limited. Now that the USDA Farmers to Families Box Program has finished up, we anticipate that the supply on small size potatoes will continue to increase, which could lead to some truckload deals on 90ct and smaller, and small bags for retail. As foodservice demand continues to improve around the country, we expect we will further see large and mid-size carton supply tighten. Additionally, as other growing regions finish their crop, Idaho should see their supply further stressed as one of the last remaining regions with product. Processor demand has also remained elevated and is expected to continue as well, which has kept off grade and #2 product cleaned up. All of these factors are resulting in a situation where the potato market should continue to increase until we get to new crop. The concern surrounding trucks continues to be the most pressing challenge at the moment. There does appear to be some temporary relief on the horizon as it appears more drivers are getting back to work with a lot of the elevated stimulus programs coming to an end. Additionally, lumber prices have fallen by as much as 40% in recent weeks, and many are predicting that this could be a sign of a correction coming in other industry and commodities as well. However, with the 4th of July around the corner, we expect rates will bounce back up in the coming weeks, and then there may be a chance we will see a bit of longer-term relief in the Fall until the Thanksgiving/Christmas Holiday push kicks in.

TOMATOES

East Coast

- **Rounds: WATCH LIST** Quincy is mostly done for the season and now transitioning to South Carolina. We should run this region through June then transition to the mountain programs in Tennessee and North Carolina in July. With regards to quality, we will see some challenges over the next two weeks, particularly on larger fruit.
- **Romas: ESCALATED** Roma production will continue to be lighter than expected through the next week. We should see a vast improvement on quality and volume once we start the mountain deals in July.
- **Grape Tomatoes: ESCALATED** We are in transition with grapes and supply continues to be extremely light this week. We should see some improvement over the next week, however, expect an active market through June despite our growers well underway in South Carolina and will follow up with new crop out of Virginia. Currently, we do not anticipate any shortages or pro-rates.
- **Cherry Tomatoes: ESCALATED** We are in transition with cherries and supply continues to be extremely light this week. We should see some improvement over the next week, however, expect

an active market through June despite our growers well underway in South Carolina and will follow up with new crop out of Virginia. Currently, we do not anticipate any shortages or pro-rates.

- **Organic Tomatoes: WATCH LIST** Supply very limited, and quality is marginal.

Mexico

- **Rounds: WATCH LIST** Markets have eased back as volume ramps up out of Central Mexico and The Baja. We are seeing some lighter color due to heavy cloud cover and rain in Jalisco and will need to watch this closely. Quality overall is very nice, good availability on all sizes.
- **Romas: WATCH LIST** Volume is still slow to ramp up out of some regions in Central Mexico due to rain and ongoing cloud cover. Quality has been fair and should begin to improve over the next week as weather and volume improve. On the Baja, volume will improve daily crossing through Otay and quality is outstanding on all sizes.
- **Grape Tomatoes: ESCALATED** Mexico continues to struggle with volume, particularly out of Central Mexico due to lack of sun however we are seeing numbers begin to improve. We do anticipate better number crossing through Otay over the next week as well. At this time, we do not anticipate any shortages or pro-rates on contracts despite ongoing strong demand and escalated pricing.
- **Cherry Tomatoes: ESCALATED** Supply remains light this this week out of Mexico and quality is mixed.

California

- **Romas and Rounds: WATCH LIST** We continue growers harvesting daily round and roma tomatoes out of the Central Valley; volume has been improving daily however due to last week's heat we do expect to see some compromised quality on newer picks. We will certainly expect some shelf life and appearance issues as we continue into the harvest over the next few weeks.

APPLES & PEARS

Apples: WATCH LIST Granny smith apples remain tight, especially on the smaller sizes. East coast growers will have minimal availability through May. Import apples will start arriving at the end of this month on the east coast.

Pears: EXTREME ON SMALL SIZES Small pears will remain tight through August. Imports are available on the east coast.

Peaches: Yellow and white flesh available out of California and yellow flesh available out of South Carolina.

Nectarines: Yellow and white flesh are available out of California

Cherries: Good supply available out of California

Kiwi Fruit: Steady supply available on both coasts. Californian and Italian Haywards are available.