

Weekly Market Review

July 2, 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. We are seeing this ongoing heat in the west now impacting the Pacific Northwest with unprecedented temperatures which may impact crops across Washington, Oregon, and Idaho. We are watching closely and will keep you informed of any issues that may come because of this event. 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, however, 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 7/1	Fri 7/2	Sat 7/3	Sun 7/4	Mon 7/5	Tue 7/6	Wed 7/7
71° 60°F	71° 60°F	71° 60°F	70° 59°F	70° 60°F	70° 60°F	71° 62°F
AM Clouds/PM Sun	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Mostly Sunny
8 AM 0 in	0 in	0 in	0 in	0 in	0 in	0 in

YUMA, AZ:

Thu 7/1	Fri 7/2	Sat 7/3	Sun 7/4	Mon 7/5	Tue 7/6	Wed 7/7
106° 85°F	104° 85°F	108° 84°F	109° 83°F	110° 83°F	109° 84°F	109° 84°F
Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny
1 AM 0 in	0 in	0 in	0 in	0 in	0 in	0 in

LAKE PARK, GA

Thu 7/1	Fri 7/2	Sat 7/3	Sun 7/4	Mon 7/5	Tue 7/6	Wed 7/7
87° 71°F	86° 73°F	83° 71°F	84° 70°F	86° 71°F	84° 71°F	82° 71°F
PM Thunderstorms	Thunderstorms	Thunderstorms	Scattered Thunderstorms	Scattered Thunderstorms	Scattered Thunderstorms	Scattered Thunderstorms
12 AM 0.11 in	0.44 in	0.36 in	0.33 in	0.26 in	0.58 in	0.43 in

IMMOKALEE, FL

Thu 7/1	Fri 7/2	Sat 7/3	Sun 7/4	Mon 7/5	Tue 7/6	Wed 7/7
87° 71°F	89° 73°F	91° 72°F	93° 72°F	90° 73°F	86° 72°F	88° 72°F
PM Thunderstorms	Isolated Thunderstorms	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Scattered Thunderstorms	Scattered Thunderstorms	Scattered Thunderstorms
1 AM 0.55 in	0.05 in	0 in	0.11 in	0.4 in	0.2 in	0.21 in

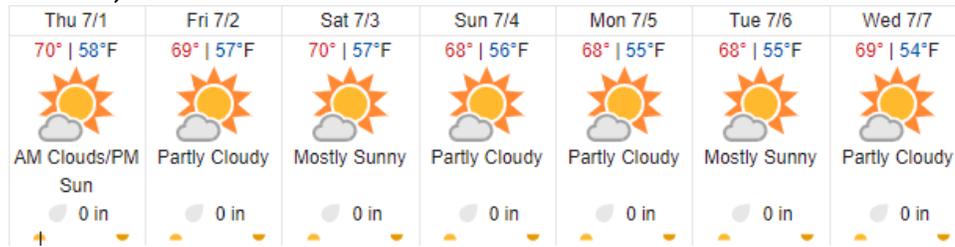
VIZCAINO, BAJA SUR

Thu 7/1	Fri 7/2	Sat 7/3	Sun 7/4	Mon 7/5	Tue 7/6	Wed 7/7
87° 78°F	89° 80°F	90° 82°F	91° 82°F	92° 82°F	90° 80°F	90° 79°F
Partly Cloudy	Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy
12 AM 0 in	0 in	0 in	0 in	0 in	0 in	0 in

JALISCO, MX:

Thu 7/1	Fri 7/2	Sat 7/3	Sun 7/4	Mon 7/5	Tue 7/6	Wed 7/7
78° 66°F	78° 66°F	79° 66°F	78° 65°F	82° 66°F	81° 66°F	78° 65°F
Thunderstorms	Thunderstorms	Thunderstorms	Thunderstorms	PM Thunderstorms	PM Thunderstorms	Thunderstorms
1 AM 1.14 in	0.5 in	0.48 in	0.44 in	0.25 in	0.28 in	0.26 in

SALINAS, CA:



Good Buys

Commodity	Market Update	Produce Expert Tip
Mini Sweet Pepper	Excellent supply and quality crossing through Otay Mesa.	Are you searching for that super simple and delicious side dish for any summer BBQ? Well, we've got you covered! Cut mini peppers in half, leave the stem, and remove the seeds. Place the peppers in a bowl and toss with oil, salt, pepper, garlic powder, oregano, and parmesan cheese. Place then in a single layer in a dish, then roast until soft. Enjoy!

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. 2 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: Volume 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 grape season, from Mexico, is coming to an end as many growers have finished packing for the season. There will be supply available until inventory is cleaned up, so look for the market to strengthen. Hot weather in the California desert may shorten their season, so look for Coachella to be finished soon. We are seeing good quality out of San Joaquin valley with good supply.

Berries

Strawberries: We expect volume to gradually downtrend in the weeks ahead as we have passed our supply peak. Last week's warm weather accelerated fruit maturation which resulted in good supply, and no quality issues. With cooler temperatures present, we expect maturation to normalize and result in a steady downtrend. We experienced a reduction of fruit size due to the warm weather, but it's still favorable compared to last year. Santa Maria has seen a slight uptick in condition percentages this week, especially in the east side of the district. The district is anticipating some soft fruit for the balance of the week and then an improvement in quality as temperatures improve. The northern district reported an

uptick in production with minimal quality impacts after the recent heat wave. Fruit has sized down, especially in organics.

Blueberries: We are past the peak of Baja production, and we will continue to see decreasing volumes for one more week. SJV is past peak and will decrease for one more week and North Carolina production past peak and will continue for another week with low volumes. New Jersey volume will continue with low and increasing volumes and the PNW season has begun and will increase volumes rapidly. A major heat event is forecasted this weekend in the PNW, we don't anticipate much of an impact at this time, however we will be closely monitoring the event. The San Joaquin Valley production is down-trending quickly as result of some warm weather driving some quality challenges. North Carolina blueberries had fair quality and as a result, the district has ended their season. New Jersey started their season last week with good overall quality.

Blackberries: Supply is expected to remain at similar levels for the next couple of weeks. Oxnard and North Carolina are in peak production. Santa Maria and Watsonville are slowly increasing their supply. We expect Santa Maria and Watsonville to increase production in the next 3-4 weeks and lead us into the summer peak in August. The northern district has seen consistent quality as production continues increasing. Santa Maria has reported minimal quality challenges with good size and flavor and Oxnard is continuing with peak production weeks, and they have reported good flavor. North Carolina quality remains good with minor defects seen at the docks. Fruit has sized down and flavor remains good.

Raspberries: The California regions are producing Spring peak production now through the next two weeks, expecting to hold similar volume as applications transition, and expecting volume will drop as we head into late July. In the short run, we are heavily weather dependent and could experience a flush of fruit brought on by a concentrated crop and faster ripening. Oxnard is continuing peak production with medium to large sized fruit and good quality overall. Santa Maria has noted slightly darker fruit due to the warm weather last week, but with minimal condition defects and dock rejections. Baja has said that the district is working with ranches to stay on top of dock rejections.

California

Navels: Late Navels are still available, mostly large sizes, 40-72ct. Shippers are expecting to have product available for another 2 weeks. Quality is decent but seeing some softness. Import navels will arrive mid-July on the east and west coast.

Valencias: Some shippers are in full swing on their Valencia crop. Market is starting to come down, but still seeing a high market price on small fruit. It is expected to remain this way until valencias phase out. Quality is good, peaking 72/88.

Lemons: Market remains very active on lemons; shippers are holding to averages and barely covering commitments. Quality issues are common for this time of year, with the pack out about 80% choice grade. Mexican imports will start arriving in about 2 weeks and will bring some relief to the market. Chilean and Argentine lemons are slowing starting to Arrive on the East Coast.

Limes: Availability has increased, and we are seeing consistency daily from harvest. Overall market remains stable and a good availability on sizes is available, however, we are starting to see some tighter supply on smaller sizes as we see more rain size the fruit up. We do not see this as an issue at this time, however, we are keeping a close watch on this as we could see tighter supply on 200-250 ct. over the next several weeks.

Grapefruit: California grapefruit is available in Riverside & small sizes are available in Central Valley. Fruit is peaking on the smaller sizes 40, 48, and 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.
- 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. Overall quality is nice with a good green color, full heads, and good texture. Recent winds have produced some light fringe burn. Demand is steadily increasing, and FOB pricing is 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 volumes are still lighter than budget and yields and pounds are starting to drop to below normal averages. Quality overall has been very solid but anticipate lighter than normal weights. The market has been active due to lighter supplies and demand has also increased with both retail numbers for the holiday and foodservice business as restaurants are starting to open.

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, however, supplies are very tight this week mainly due to last week's heat wave. We should see better supply next week. Overall quality has been good but still need to watch for potential quality issues such as sun scalding, sizing, and other quality issues as some of the crops mature.

Red Bell Pepper: **WATCH LIST** Supply will be snug this week as we close out the Coachella season this week 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 tighter this week/

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: Production from within the Imperial Valley will be finishing for most growers by this coming Wednesday. Central AZ production will continue into the first week of July and Westside production, in Central CA, will begin in a small way as early as this coming weekend. Californian supplies will be fairly limited in the early part of the deal with increased supply anticipated by mid-July. Sizing from California should be close to an even split between 9s and 12s which will keep pricing on larger melons at a premium in the short-term.

Honeydew: Honeydew production continues to remain 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. Production from California is expected to begin the latter part of next week and lower supply and strong pricing is 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 and sizing is peaking on 60's this week. We are also seeing volume ramp up out of the central valley on bins and minis. Quality in the west is very nice.

Mixed Vegetables

Artichokes: Quality is excellent, and we expect volume to slowly decline as we move through the month of July. 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 by mid-July

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

Broccoli/Broccoli Florets: Supplies are lighter this week since we had some yield loss.

Brussels Sprouts: Sprout supplies remain strong overall for the coming week, especially in the 25lb category. The market tone is steady to unchanged, and they remain a great value for promotional opportunities. Most of the VA category is also well supplied; certain SKUs have seen some production challenges. Quality is still good; some elongated seed stem is noted.

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 supplies for us and in the industry. We are fully transitioned to Salinas, quality is good, and the market is better in Salinas.

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

Cilantro: Cilantro supplies are expected to be light towards the end of the week. Occasional bacterial spotting is showing up in most bunches.

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 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 and 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: Production volumes are on budget. Quality is good at the field level and demand fluctuates up and down. Spot pricing trading is at normal ranges.

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:

San Joaquin Valley and New Mexico shippers both experienced interruptions in supply this past week. San Joaquin Valley was due to a gap between fields not being ready, and New Mexico experienced several days of rain. The resulting effect was a tight supply situation throughout both regions, particularly on red and white onions. FOB pricing improved across the board out of both shipping regions, and we anticipate the market should remain firm after the holiday. Red and White onions underwent the largest pricing increase, but we did see yellows firm up as well. Despite a very challenging freight situation out of all regions, growers are optimistic about July. Demand is almost fully back to where it was prior to Covid, and the supply situation has changed quite a bit due to extreme temperatures destroying acreage in California. Retail quality product seems to be few and far between now, in large part due to the bouts of heat as well. Size profiles out of all shipping regions remain heavy to jumbos for foodservice, with a good mix of mediums and Colossals and Supers as well. Northwest growers are expressing great concern for the upcoming crop due to record high temperatures in Idaho/Oregon/Washington. While we have seen heat waves like this in the past, it rarely arrives this early in the season at this level of intensity. The plants have not grown enough to form a protective canopy and causing challenges in keeping up with the necessary irrigation requirements. The belief is that both yields and sizing may be negatively impacted. The concern surrounding trucks continues to dominate the onion world and to no surprise, the 4th of July week did not provide relief. There remains hope that we will see some temporary relief in the coming weeks as summer holidays will be done until Labor Day.

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. We will continue to see product tighten up as sheds begin to finish up and shut down for the season until they resume packing new crop in August. Quality is about what you would expect for this time of year in Idaho. There will be signs of age on the crop, with some rots packing out worse than others. Processor demand has also remained elevated and is expected to continue as well, which has kept off grade and #2 product cleaned up. Idaho and Washington potato growers are expressing great concern for the upcoming crop due to record high temperatures in the region. While we have seen heat waves like this in the past, it rarely arrives this early in the season at this level of intensity. The plants have not grown enough to form a protective canopy and causing challenges in keeping up with the necessary irrigation requirements. The belief is that both yields and sizing may be negatively impacted. The concern surrounding trucks continues to be a challenge. There remains hope that we will see some temporary relief in the coming weeks as summer holidays will be done until Labor Day. As harvest begins in August, supply will be coming out of the fields fast and in large quantities. Historically, trucks generally 'flock' to this region for loads as there is no shortage of available product to ship since the initial potatoes being dug cannot be stored and must ship. If the truck supply does not improve this year, we may see added challenges this year during harvest.

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 ticked up once again due to lighter production and we are struggling with color and volume due to heavy cloud cover and rain in Central Mexico and will need to watch this closely. Volume on the Baja is slow to ramp up. Quality overall is very nice, good availability on all sizes.
- **Romas: ESCALATED** Volume remains 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. Currently, 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, however, will need to watch how the PNW crop reacts to the latest heatwave to hit Washington State.

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