

# ORGANIC MARKET NEWS

JUNE 4 - JUNE 11, 2021

# PEAK SEASON ORGANIC STONE FRUIT





**Organic Stone Fruit** peak season is almost here! As mid-June approaches, harvest volumes are ramping up and consumer are ready for summer fruit. Time to cut back the organic apple and citrus displays to expand on the following items.

**Organic Apricots** are expected to be in excellent supply the rest of June out of California, followed by Washington in July.

**Organic Dark Sweet Cherries** are seeing decent volumes and quality out of California during early to mid-June. Washington growers anticipate a strong season starting in mid-June, so there should be a smooth transition. California growers have struggled with their **Organic Rainier Cherry** crop, with the first fruit arriving east around 6/9 at elevated pricing.

California **Organic Yellow & White Nectarines** and **Peaches** are now in excellent supply with sizing starting to increase. Look for promotional pricing and volumes to really kick in the week of 6/14. We'll have an exciting Homegrown Organics Display Contest starting then!

Organic Donut Peaches are in a gap between varieties until mid-June.

Organic Red Plums and Flavorosa Pluots have started in a very light way. Volumes will become steadier by mid-June, and then Organic Black Plums will join the mix too.

Back east, South Carolina grown **Organic White & Yellow Peaches** are in season, with some **Organic Nectarines** and 8/11b **Sugar Plums** also available.



# **OG BERRIES**

**Organic Blueberries** are in excellent supply out of California for early June. New Jersey growers will begin in mid to late-June, and a record crop is expected out of the Pacific Northwest headed into July, when we'll see big promotions.

**Organic Blackberries** and **Raspberries** are in promotable volume this week with good quality.

**Organic Strawberries** are predominantly from Watsonville, CA, and are experiencing cool weather for this time of year, dipping to 40°F at times. Product is still in peak season, but volumes are not as big as expected due to the weather issues. Fruit sizing has been big, and arrivals have been coming in nice.



# **OG PEPPERS**

**Organic Jalapeño Peppers** from Lady Moon Farms in Georgia have begun harvests in June. Expect to see stable supplies.

**Organic Green Peppers** continue to yield stable supplies in June from Georgia. Expect consistent availability and pricing in early to mid-June.

**Organic Mini Sweet Peppers** from Mexico continue to yield steady supplies, but pricing is expected to rise in mid to late June.

**Organic Red, Orange,** and **Yellow Bell Peppers** continue to yield steady supply and excellent quality. Expect promotable volume and pricing from Canada in mid-June.



**OG MELONS** 

**Organic Cantaloupes** from Southern California are now in season, and the quality is outstanding - nice straw color, thick webbing, and heavy weights.

**Organic Honeydew** are still primarily from Mexico, with the California season starting soon.

**Organic Mini Seedless Watermelons** continue to be very promotable from Mexico. Harvests continue to flush, and quality is excellent!

**NOTE: Organic Seedless Watermelons** will be short in supply for early June. Production is slowing down out of Mexico as the end of the season approaches. California production should start in the middle of June.



#### **OG BROCCOLI**

**Organic Broccoli** availability remains stable for mid-June. Although East Coast supplies have decreased in June, the market has not yet reflected the change in availability as many California shippers remain plentiful. Promote **Organic Broccoli** in mid-June with strong quality and aggressive pricing.

Organic Sweet Baby Broccoli has seen supplies tighten in early June. Expect pricing to rise in mid-June.



# **OG CABBAGE**

Organic Green Cabbage from Lancaster County, PA is beginning with limited supplies in early June. Volumes are expected to improve in the coming weeks, as well as Organic Red Cabbage beginning.

West Coast supplies of Organic Napa and Savoy Cabbage remain limited, but North Carolina supplies of Organic Napa Cabbage have improved.



# **OG KIWIFRUIT**

**Organic SunGold Kiwifruit** are in full swing to start June in bulk and high-graphic clamshells. Set aside a nice spot on your retail shelves and watch this customer favorite generate repeat register rings all summer long!

**Organic Green Kiwifruit** from New Zealand will be available towards the middle of the month of June. This is a little later than anticipated due to container delays.



OG CUCUMBERS & EGGPLANT Organic Cucumbers and Eggplant from Lady Moon Georgia are beginning to yield strong volumes.

Expect good availability and excellent quality throughout June with promotional opportunities.



#### **OG CELERY**

**Organic Celery** supplies remain stable in June at an elevated price. Although supplies are stable, some shippers are without volumes as they change growing regions.



OG BRUSSELS SPROUTS

**Organic Brussels Sprouts** continue with strong volumes in early June. June was expected to bring less volume and higher pricing, but supply volumes remain unchanged. Expect strong quality.



# OG SWEET CORN

**Organic Bi-Color Sweet Corn** remains available post Memorial Day from California. As the summer months continue, expect supplies to be sourced from the east as production moves up the coast.



**OG CAULIFLOWER** 

**Organic Cauliflower** production remains strong as California suppliers remain plentiful and East Coast production is experiencing strong yields. Expect strong quality and improved pricing in mid-June.



### **OG ASPARAGUS**

**Organic Asparagus** prices will be higher as local production slows down for the season. Michigan has some production still going but there will be a transition to new crop Mexico. Quality has been excellent from all regions.



# **OG SQUASH**

**Organic Zucchini** from Lady Moon Farms in Georgia continues to yield peak supply volumes. Expect outstanding quality and promotable opportunities in June.

**Organic Yellow Squash** continues to yield fair supplies, but demand has surged in the summer months, creating the overall market to become snug.



# **OG ONIONS**

**Organic Onions** are in full swing out of both California and Mexico. We will see new growing regions in Central California get started this week which will bring more product to the marketplace. We will likely stay in domestic onions exclusively at this time.

**Organic Vidalia Sweet Onions** have a few more weeks of good promotability out of Georgia on jumbos and 16/31b bags.



# **OG GRAPES**

Organic Green, Red, and Black Seedless Grapes out of Mexico are now in peak season supply. Quality so far has been nice, with good crispness.

**Organic Cotton Candy Grapes** are anticipated to start in a new growing region of Mexico in late June.



### **OG TOMATOES**

Organic Grape Tomatoes from Lady Moon Farms will be available with good numbers out their Georgia farm. Harvests are strong. Overall markets remain snug from other growers as transitions to new areas start. Florida has finished production, but Carolina and Georgia farms' production is not fully started yet.

Organic Cluster Tomatoes will be promotable out of Canada. SavouraBio harvests continue to flush, and quality is excellent. Organic Beefsteak Tomatoes remain steady from Canada. Quality has been exceptional, and supplies are steady.

**Organic Heirloom Tomatoes** continue to come in from Mexico with good harvests. Quality has been very nice.



# **OG TROPICALS**

**Organic Hass Avocados** supplies are steady for the beginning of June. California and Mexico are both shipping and demand continues to be very strong for fruit. Look for fruit to tighten as the month progresses.

Equal Exchange **Fair Trade Organic Hass Avocados** from Peru will be available through the month of June. We'll carry this line if there is customer support.

**Organic Pineapples** are in good supply for the beginning of June. Look to promote smaller 8ct fruit for the beginning of the month.

**Organic Lychee** from Florida will have limited availability during the month of June! This season is projected to be a shorter one.

# **OTHER STORIES**

• Organic Mandarins, Cara Cara, and Navel Oranges are in their final weeks of production and are expected to be finished for the season by the first week of July.



# **OG MANGOS**

**Organic Fair Trade Haitian Mangos** from Haiti are available in good supplies for the beginning of June. This program has done extremely well this year, with tremendous support, and opportunities remain to continue to promote here.

**Organic Mangos** from Mexico saw increased supplies as growers in the Nayarit region began harvesting in greater numbers. Expect to see good availability of smaller sized fruit. Headed into mid-June, we will see more volume of 10ct, instead of 9ct, and lots of 12ct.

**Organic Ataulfo Honey Mangos** are also sizing smaller out of Mexico, so there will be more 16-18ct, and less 12-14ct.

• **Organic Artichokes** from California continue to yield steady supplies in June. Look for strong quality and promotable volumes in early to mid-June.

• ALERT! Organic Grapefruit and Lemons remain extremely limited and expensive.

• **Organic Limes** are finally increasing in volume, and prices will begin to ease headed into the summer.

#### FLAIM FARMS - VINELAND, NJ

40488 - OG Beets Red Bunched 12 ct 40510 - OG Bok Choy PREM 35 lb 40513 - OG Bok Choy Baby PREM 20 lb 40684 - OG Chard Green 12 ct 40682 - OG Chard Rainbow 12 ct 40685 - OG Chard Red 12 ct 40671 - OG Greens Collard 12 ct 40672 - OG Greens Kale 12 ct 40889 - OG Greens Kale Lacinato 12 ct 40647 - OG Herb Cilantro 15 ct 40209 - OG Herb Dill 12 ct 40210 - OG Herb Dill 24 ct 219525 - OG Herb Mint 12 ct 40314 - OG Lettuce Green Leaf 12 ct 40313 - OG Lettuce Red Leaf 12 ct 41181 - OG Lettuce Romaine 12 ct 40726 - OG Parsley Curly 15 ct 40723 - OG Parsley Curly PREM 30 ct 40729 - OG Parsley Flat Leaf (Italian) 15 ct 40724 - OG Parsley Flat Leaf PREM 30 ct (Italian) 40180 - OG Radishes Red 12 ct Bunch 40864 - OG Radishes Red Bunched PREM 24 ct 40897 - OG Spinach Bunched 12 ct 40900 - OG Spinach Bunched 24 ct

#### LADY MOON FARMS - CHAMBERSBURG, PA

40680 - OG Chard Rainbow PREM 24 ct 41007 - OG Greens Collard PREM 24 ct 40472 - OG Greens Kale Lacinato PREM 24 ct 43566 - OG Greens Kale Red 24 ct 41150 - OG Lettuce Butter Green 24 ct 41155 - OG Lettuce Butter Red 24 ct 41159 - OG Lettuce Green Leaf PREM 24 ct 41158 - OG Lettuce Red Leaf PREM 24 ct 41182 - OG Lettuce Romaine PREM 24 ct 41159 - OG Lettuce Green Leaf PREM 24 ct 41180 - OG Lettuce Romaine 24 ct

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LANCASTER FARM FRESH COOP - LANCASTER, PA 40309 - OG Arugula 12 ct 40513 - OG Bok Choy Baby PREM 20 lb 40510 - OG Bok Choy PREM 35 lb 40548 - OG Cabbage Green PREM 45 lb 40666 - OG Chard Green PREM 24 ct 40680 - OG Chard Rainbow PREM 24 ct 40667 - OG Chard Red PREM 24 ct 40650 - OG Dandelion 12 ct 41112 - OG Escarole 24 ct 40670 - OG Greens Collard 24 ct 40675 - OG Greens Kale 24 ct 40811- OG Greens Kale PREM 24 ct 40676 - OG Greens Kale Lacinato 24 ct 40677 - OG Greens Mustard 24 ct 40640 - OG Herb Cilantro 30 ct 41155 - OG Lettuce Butter Red 24 ct 41160 - OG Lettuce Green Leaf 24 ct 41165 - OG Lettuce Red Leaf 24 ct 41185 - OG Lettuce Romaine Hearts 12/3 ct 41175 - OG Lettuce Romaine Red 24 ct 40724 - OG Parsley Flat Leaf PREM 30 ct (Italian) 40900 - OG Spinach Bunched 24 ct 40617 - OG Turnips White Bunched 12 ct

#### **EASTERN FRESH - CEDARVILLE, NJ**

40325 - OG Asparagus 11 lb 41160 - OG Lettuce Green Leaf 24 ct 41165 - OG Lettuce Red Leaf 24 ct 41163 - OG Lettuce Iceberg Cello 12ct 41101 - OG Squash Gold Bar 20 lb

#### **HEPWORTH FARMS - MILTON, NY**

40640 - OG Herb Cilantro 30 ct 40210 - OG Herb Dill 24 ct 40864 - OG Radishes Red Bunched PREM 24 ct 40900 - OG Spinach Bunched 24 ct





# CONVENTIONAL





#### FLAIM FARMS - VINELAND, NJ

- 205 CV Arugula 24 ct
- 550 CV Beets Red Bunched 12 ct
- 591 CV Bok Choy 30 lb
- 592 CV Bok Choy Baby Shanghai 30 lb
- 1362 CV Chard Green 12 ct
- 1355 CV Chard Rainbow 12 ct
- 1368 CV Chard Red 12 ct
- 1170 CV Dandelion Bunch 12 ct
- 2876 CV Endive (Chicory) 24 ct
- 2900 CV Escarole 24 ct
- 1315 CV Greens Kale NJ 18 lb
- 1308 CV Greens Collard NJ 18 lb 455 - CV Herb Basil 15 ct
- 1200 CV Herb Dill 24 ct
- 1510 CV Herb Mint 12 ct Box
- 1462 CV Kohlrabi Green 12 ct
- 3050 CV Lettuce Green Leaf NJ 20 lb 24 ct
- 3065 CV Lettuce Red Leaf NJ 20 lb 24 ct
- 3097 CV Lettuce Romaine NJ 35 lb 24 ct
- 3127 CV Radishes Red Bunched NJ 24 ct
- 2205 CV Spinach Bunched 24 ct
- 2240 CV Squash Green MED 20 lb

#### NARDELLI LAKE VIEW FARMS - CEDARVILLE, NJ

- 357 CV Asparagus NJ 28 lb
- 550 CV Beets Red Bunched 12 ct
- 591 CV Bok Choy 30 lb
- 592 CV Bok Choy Baby Shanghai 30 lb
- 1670 CV Cabbage Napa 30 lb
- 795 CV Cabbage Savoy 30 lb
- 1362 CV Chard Green 12 ct
- 1368 CV Chard Red 12 ct
- 1308 CV Greens Collard NJ 18 lb 1315 - CV Greens Kale NJ 18 lb
- 1345 CV Greens Mustard 12 ct
- 1200 CV Herb Dill 24 ct
- 1475 CV Leeks Bunched 12 ct
- 3127 CV Radishes Red Bunched NJ 24 ct
- 2205 CV Spinach Bunched 24 ct

# **EASTERN FRESH - CEDARVILLE, NJ**

357 - CV Asparagus NJ 28 lb

# HOMEGROWN



# **ORGANIC STONE FRUIT DISPLAY CONTEST**

# June 14 - July 19, 2021

Four Seasons Produce has teamed up with Homegrown Organic Farms to bring you a super exciting display contest sure to drive volume and add some serious fun to your stone fruit season! We are in full swing with the tastes of summer, and sugars in the fruit are ramping up by the minute! Now is the perfect time to promote!

# **CRITERIA**

• Build a super fun, super creative display of Homegrown stone fruit in your departments. Fruit must be purchased from Four Seasons Produce. The commodities include:

OG Yellow Peaches (Code: 220428) OG White Peaches (Code: 43832) OG Yellow Nectarine (Code: 220426) OG White Nectarine (Code: 220427) OG Red Plum (Code: 220429) OG Black Plum (Code: 220430)

• Must have a minimum of 4 varieties of fruit in your displays

• Displays must remain up for at least one week

• Send all pictures in to Steph Mayer (<u>stephf@fsproduce.com</u>) by Thursday July 22nd



# STONE FRUIT HANDLING & MERCHANDISING TIPS

• Stone fruit is best stored and merchandised outside of your refrigerated cases. It allows the fruit to ripen properly and avoids it from being in the flavor kill zone!

• Place small brown paper bags on your displays to suggest ripening at home.

• Variety offerings are key in successful stone fruit sales. Be sure to carry a full array of fruit to offer to your customers. It might also expose them to varieties that they might have tried before.



 $\cdot$  Cull stone fruit often during each day to insure freshness. Remove any bruised or overripe fruit.

• Stone fruit bruises very easily, so handle with care, both in the backroom and on your display.

For more stone fruit handling and merchandising tips, contact your Four Seasons Produce sales rep or merchandiser!

# GRAND PRIZE! (Homegrown Home Run) \$1000 gift card

Display **MUST** contain **ALL** varieties of stone fruit from Homegrown Organic Farms stone fruit listed above and will be judged on creativity and eye appeal.

Use of social media is strongly encouraged, but not mandatory.



MOST CREATIVE DISPLAY (Homegrown Happening)

1<sup>s⊤</sup> - \$350 gift card 2<sup>ND</sup> - \$250 gift card 3<sup>RD</sup> - \$150 gift card BEST SMALL STORE DISPLAY 3 registers or less (Homegrown Hut)

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LARGEST DISPLAY

(Homegrown High Powered)

ALL ENTRIES WILL RECEIVE:

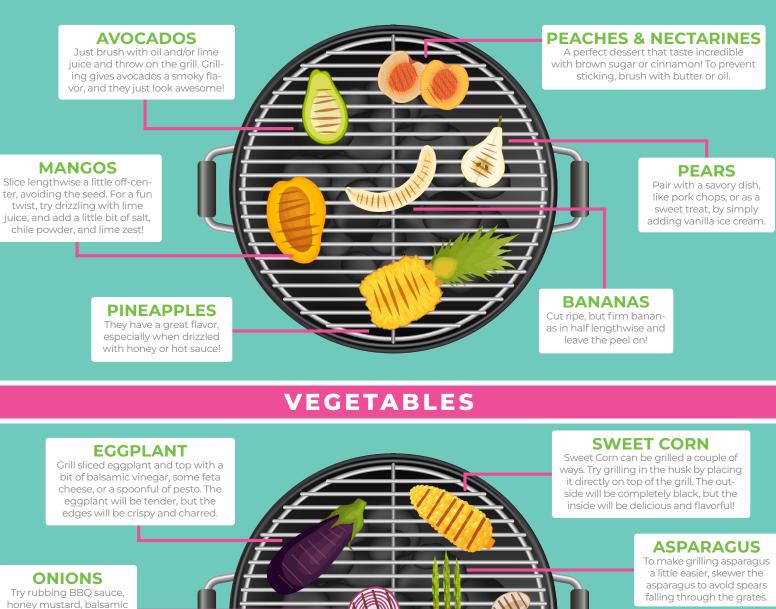


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# **GRILLING PRODUCE**

# FRUIT



vinegar, or another dressing instead of butter or oil

for a flavorful twist.

# MUSHROOMS

To make grilling asparagus a little easier, skewer the aspargus to avoid spears falling through the grates.

# PEPPERS

Grill whole peppers, or cut peppers lengthwise in half, and remove the seeds and stem.

SUMMER SQUASH Slice squash lengthwise and brush

with olive oil and fresh herbs!

# **GRILLING TIPS:**

- · Clean grill grate, preheat the grate, and rub with olive oil so the fruit doesn't stick when grilled!
- For grill marks that are instagram-worthy, don't turn fruit more than once on the grill.
- Skewers are perfect for grilling smaller fruits, like berries.





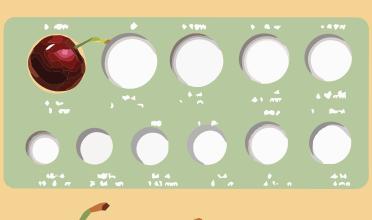
# CHERRY SIZING

# WHAT DOES THE "ROW" COUNT MEAN IN CHERRY DESCRIPTIONS? ≫>

Cherries from the Northwest used to be packed in small 4-5 lb wooden boxes for shipping and the top layer would be packed into neat rows. The amount of cherries you could fit in a row across the top became the sizing scale.

Even when the industry began shipping in 15lb, 18lb and 20lb wood lug crates and later cardboard box – the industry stuck with the "row" sizing scale instead of a millimeter diameter.





 This is a cherry sizing sizing tool, but most cherries are now sized electronically by rapid-image-scanners for sorting.

Large cherries (the lowest row count) command the highest prices. Small cherries, like 12 row and smaller, are often used for processing in canning, juice, dried or frozen.





# **CONVENTIONAL MARKET NEWS**

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# **FRESH CROP GRAPE SEASON**



The spring and early summer season of fresh crop **Grapes** is up and running! The main supply of **Green**, **Red**, and **Black Seedless Grapes** is from Mexico and Coachella in Southern California.

**Red Grapes** are mostly the "Flame" variety. This variety is round, crunchy, and tangy-sweet, however sizing is mostly medium/large and large. Bigger sized varieties, like "**Sweet Celebration**" will come online later in the month and trade at a premium.

On the **Green Grapes**, the better variety, **"Sweet Globes**," are getting a premium price over **"Sugaron-es"** and **"Primes"** by the same amount of money.

On **Cotton Candy Grapes**, we are still in a gap between growing regions in Mexico, but they should be back into peak early summer season by mid-June.

The peak summer **Grape** season will start in the Delano are of California's Central Valley in July.



# **CV STRAWBERRIES**

**Strawberries** remain in steady supply for the week of 6/6, with pricing remaining a bit higher. All main growing areas in Santa Maria, Salinas, and Watsonville, CA are in full production.

We will have good opportunities on larger 2lb clamshells throughout the entire month as we're in peak season. Quality on all **Strawberries** has been very nice.

Driscoll's has started the **"Sweetest Batch**" and **"Rose" Strawberries** - so get ready for these great tasting specialty berries!

Available by pre-order for the week of 6/6: Local Chambersburg, PA grown **Strawberries** in 8/11b clamshells.



# **CV BERRIES**

**Blueberries** are in good supply from Georgia and North Carolina, and it looks like it'll be a smooth transition as we move into New Jersey around 6/15. Quality has been very nice on all domestic fruit. We're planning on carrying mostly pints, but we do have options of carrying 18 oz packages if retailers are interested.

Driscoll's "Limited Edition Sweetest Batch" Blueberries continue in peak season with great size and taste.

**Blackberries** and **Raspberries** are in tighter supply as we transition from Mexico to California. Expect pricing to be slightly higher than usual until we're all in California production. In regard to Blackberries, we will have an east coast option from Georgia for the month of June.



# **CV MELONS**

**Bin Athena-style Cantaloupes** are available, but demand has exceeded supply so far coming out of Georgia. Size is better with 120ct bins, but more on the 150ct. Volumes should improve by mid-June.

**Seedless Watermelon** prices remain steady on big 45ct fruit. Demand remains good and quality is excellent.

However, smaller 60ct size **Seedless Watermelons** should be promotable as multiple regions continue to harvest fruit out of Florida. Georgia production will begin lightly and then South Carolina should start in the middle of June.



#### CV CHERRIES

California is still shipping **Dark Sweet Cherries** with good volume, and prices have been steady. There should not be a gap between California and Washington. California should go until the last week of June, with Washington scheduled to get started in mid-June.

**NOTE: Rainier Cherries** have been a struggle with the heat in California, which is causing quality issues. As soon as good fruit is available, we'll bring it into stock.



# **CV EASTERN PEACHES**

South Carolina **Peaches** are in better volume, and size is better (mostly 2  $\frac{1}{2}$ " and larger). Color has been very nice.

Prices have been coming down and growers are looking to move more product.



# **CV CALIFORNIA STONE FRUIT**

Yellow & White Peaches and Nectarines have good sizes (48/50s and 2-layer tray packs). We should see the Prima and Family Tree Farms labels respectively on both arriving the week of 6/7.

Supplies on 28lb volume-filled **Red** and **Black Plums** are better with bigger sizes coming in. **Plu**ots will ramp up in mid-June.

**Apricots** are in peak season from California. Family Tree Farms **Red Raspberry Apricots** are available in 16/11b clamshells.



### **CV PEPPERS**

111b Red, Orange, and Yellow Pepper prices remain steady out of Canada. Red remains much more promotable as production is much higher than Yellow and Orange. Quality has been very nice.

**Green Pepper** prices will ease off as Georgia production continues to flush with good volume and quality.



**CV CUCUMBERS** 

**Super Select Cucumbers** will be promotable out of Georgia. North Carolina production will start lightly, and harvest are looking good.

Mini Seedless Cucumber prices will be promotable out of Canada. New production has started, and harvests are flushing with excellent quality and good volume.



# **CV ASPARAGUS**

**Asparagus** prices remain promotable as multiple regions continue harvests.

New Jersey fields are expected to continue and then start finishing up as the temperatures heat up.

Michigan, Mexico, and Peru all continue to harvest, and quality has been very nice.



**CV SWEET CORN** 

Sweet Corn markets will be promotable out of Georgia. Supplies look plentiful this late spring season and quality has been excellent!



CV BRUSSELS SPROUTS Brussels Sprouts pricing continues to increase. It looks to be a tight market for the month of June.



# **CV GREEN BEANS**

**Green Bean** prices remain promotable. Virginia harvest have begun, and North Carolina will begin early this month as well. New Jersey is expected to begin in the middle of June. Quality has been excellent.



**CV CAULIFLOWER** 

The **Cauliflower** market is very inconsistent, so keep on eye out for spot deals as the pop up from West Coast growers.

**Orange, Purple,** and **Green Cauliflower** continue to be available.



# **CV SQUASH**

**Green** and **Yellow Squash** prices will be promotable out of Georgia. Quality has been very nice. North Carolina and New Jersey harvests will start lightly, and then volumes will continue to improve as the month goes on.



# **CV POTATOES**

**NOTE:** 10/5lb bagged Eastern White Potatoes (non-Green Giant label) will wind down and gap until mid-June until Virginia Potatoes get started, followed by New Jersey.

Green Giant bagged **White Potatoes** out of California, with very clean quality, will be available during this transition time, but pricing will be higher due to freight.

**NOTE:** As foodservice starts to reopen across the country, large **Count Russet Potatoes** continue to be in extremely limited supply for early June.

Bagged **Russet Potatoes**, on the other hand, are plentiful and promotable.



# **CV BROCCOLI**

California **Broccoli Crowns** are trading with some spot buy deals, which is perfect since East Coast growers are gapping until mid-June when VA gets up and running.



# **CV KIWIFRUIT**

**SunGold Kiwifruit** are available with strong supplies in both bulk and clamshell options.

**Green Kiwifruit** from New Zealand will be available for the week of 6/7.



**CV TOMATOES** 

**Cluster Tomatoes** are very promotable from the US and Canada. Quality continues to be excellent with excellent supplies.

**Beefsteak Tomato** prices remain steady. Demand has been strong, and production is stable. Quality out of US and Canadian greenhouses has been excellent.

**ALERT! Grape Tomato** prices will be very high and extremely short. Both Mexico and Florida are in transition and new areas are not yet ready to harvest. Demand is very strong as there is very little product available.

ALERT! Campari Cocktail Tomato prices are strong as availability is light. Prices will be higher as growers battle labor issues and low harvest yields.

**NOTE: Roma Tomato** prices will be high as Florida begins to transition. Expect very short availability and higher markets.



# **CV LOCAL LETTUCE**

Promote local Lettuces! New Jersey Red Leaf, Green Leaf, and Romaine Lettuces are all in peak season through mid-July!

Quebec, Canada growers will start their crop in mid-July, including **Romaine Hearts** and **Iceberg.** 



# **CV EASTERN APPLES**

NOTE: The season on storage crop Eastern Apples is winding down. Bagged Honeycrisp Apples are done with only a few tray packs left. Gold Delicious, Ruby Frost, McIntosh, and Red Delicious Apples have finished.



# **CV TROPICALS**

**Mango** supplies are steady with harvests ramping up in the Nayarit region. Volumes are excellent. Look for 12ct to be plentiful in June.

Ataulfo Honey Mangos from Mexico will be steady for early June. We will have a smaller 18ct size available at a promotable price, along with a premium large fruit option in the Champagne label in good supplies as well.

**Hass Avocado** supplies were down as growers stopped picking after Memorial Day. Expect to see pricing increase in June.

**Pineapple** will be promotable during the month of June. 7 and 8ct fruit should be in promotable volume all month. 7ct **HoneyGold Pineapples** will be available for the beginning of June.