

ORGANIC ORGANIC MARKET NEWS

OUTLOOK FOR SEPTEMBER 23 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

ORGANIC HARD SQUASH PEAK SEASON

Organic Hard Squashes are in very good supply out of PA, NY, CA, and WI. Now through early November will be the best time of the year to promote.

Current PA varieties in-house include:

- OG Green Acorn
- OG Butternut
- OG Spaghetti
- OG Strippetti
- OG Sweet Dumpling
- OG Delicata
- OG Kabocha
- OG Pie Pumpkins

NEW! Organic Honeynut Squash is now available out of PA and NY. It's a newer, smaller butternut-type variety with more sweetness and bigger squash flavor.







OG SPECIALTY PEPPERS

Now is a good time for **Organic Specialty Peppers!**

Available out of NY:

- OG Golden Ghost Habaneros
- OG Orange Habaneros
- OG Hungarian Wax Peppers
- OG Jalapeno Peppers
- OG Poblano Peppers
- OG Cubanelle Peppers

Available out of CA:

- OG Shishito Peppers in bags
- OG Anaheim Peppers



OG BERRIES

Organic Strawberries will be in steady supply out of California this week and quality is improving. Next week will be another great week to promote.

Organic Raspberries will be in better supply next week. Berry sizing and overall quality is excellent right now out of California. Growers anticipate promotional supply coming for early October.

ALERT! Organic Blueberries will continue to be very limited next week and prices will remain very high. Most shippers are only packing in the 4.4 oz., and we are expecting prorates or occasional supply gaps until import season starts.

ALERT! Organic Blackberries will be in limited supply as well. Supplies are looking to improve in early October, but until then pricing will be higher.



OG HASS AVOCADOS

ALERT!

Organic Hass Avocados are in VERY TIGHT SUP-PLY. Expect pricing to climb up EVEN MORE with limited supplies continuing to plague the marketplace for at least 2-3 more weeks!

Equal Exchange **Organic Fair Trade Hass Avocados** from Mexico will be limited this week as well.



OG WATERMELON

Organic Mini Watermelons could gap for a few days as growers transition to new fields.

They are still expecting good supplies for the month of October on their fall crop.



OG LETTUCE

All varieties of **Organic Lettuce** are in good supply out of Quebec, Canada, and quality has been slightly better than product from CA as they are still reporting some margin leaf browning on all varieties.

CA has good supplies of **Organic Green** and **Red Butter Lettuce** as well.

NY reports one more week of **Organic Romaine Lettuce.**



OG MELONS

Organic Cantaloupes are in good supply with plenty availability on 9ct. **Organic Galia Melons** are finishing for the year.

Organic Honeydews were a little more limited towards the end of this week as growers had finished packing for the week, but they should have better availability in early October.



OG GREEN BEANS

There are still a few PA **Organic Green Beans** coming in once a week. Quality is very good. Maryland expects to have **Organic Green Beans** through the last week of September.

CA reports limited supplies of Organic Green Beans.



OG PINEAPPLES

We expect to have a nice supply of **Organic Pineapples** for next week and beyond.

Pricing will be down lower next week and we will be looking to deal on volume. Quality is very nice.



OG EGGPLANT

ALERT! Organic Eggplant is in very tight supply. PA is finishing their harvests for the season, while GA should start in early October. Supplies are very light out of CA, while there is no Mexican product at this time.



OG CABBAGE

Organic Green and **Red Cabbage** are still coming in from NY. **Organic Savoy Cabbage** is in adequate supply from NY.

WI reports large supplies of **Organic Green Cabbage**, but very little Red.

Organic Napa Cabbage is very limited out of CA.



OG POTATOES

We will see Cinacia Organic Fingerling Potatoes out of Colorado get started in the next few weeks.

Organic Colorado Russet Potatoes will follow suit in a few weeks, which is a little later than normal, due to some challenges with quality at harvest. So, for the time being we will continue to promote the beautiful Washington Organic Russet Potatoes.



OG SUMMER SQUASH

GA reports adequate supplies of both **Organic Zucchini** and **Yellow Squash**. Demand is high right now because CA has no strong volume and MEX is not yet available. Florida will start harvesting in about 2 weeks.

Organic Summer Squash has all but finished out of PA, and supplies are limited out of NY.



OG CAULIFLOWER

Organic Cauliflower out of Canada is very nice quality. CA reports adequate supplies and pricing is down somewhat. Some shippers have had brown discoloration issues this week.

Also available in limited supply out of CA – Organic Orange, Purple, and Green Cauliflower varieties.



OG CITRUS

GRAPEFRUIT

ALERT! Organic Grapefruit has been extremely limited – the small amount of product that was booked for the end of this week has either been cut drastically or canceled completely.

LEMONS

Organic Lemons have been challenging to load towards the end of this week, which made availability toward the end of this week a little spotty.

ORANGES

of Washington.

limited supply out of NY.

Organic Navel Oranges are now done, but **Organic Valencia Oranges** are in ample supply.

NEW! We have started carrying the Organic

Stokes Purple 12/3lb. bags, in addition to the

Organic Ambrosia Apples will be available to

start shipping towards the middle of next week out

Organic Garlic is in good supply and of nice qual-

ity out of Spain. Organic Hard Neck Garlic is in

40lb. Bulk #1 Organic Stokes Purple Potatoes.



OG MID-ATLANTIC GREENS

We will see supplies out of PA this week on Organic Dandelion, Red, Green, & Rainbow Chard, Collards, Bunch Beets, and Parsleys. Organic Green and Lacinato Kale are more limited out of PA. Organic Fennel and Red Kale should be available next week out of PA.

NY reports good supplies of **Organic Kale** and **Italian Parsley.**



OG TOMATOES

OG Round Tomatoes – all but finished in PA, MEX reports very light supplies.

OG Cherry Tomatoes – PA finished, next in will be a Mexican pints

OG Rainbow Cherry & OG Grape Tomatoes — tight supplies out of PA

OG Roma Tomatoes – tight supplies out of PA; limited supplies out of CA; adequate supplies out of Mexico

OG Heirloom Tomatoes – finishing out of PA by first week of October; supplies are limited from NY; supplies are adequate out of CA.



OG CUCUMBERS

ALERT! Organic Cucumbers are in very limited supply. PA is all but done, as is most volume in the mid-Atlantic. GA reports limited supplies of Organic Cucumbers. Mexico reports virtually no supply and there are a few pallets available from CA growers here and there.

Organic Hothouse Cucumbers are in adequate supply, though the market is up. Organic Mini Cucumber Packs and Gherkin Cucumbers out of CA are in limited supply.



OG ONIONS

Locally grown **Organic PA Candy Sweet Onions** will become more limited in the new few weeks. Price is expected to remain the same and should continue for a few more weeks, pending quality.

Local Organic Red Onions have abruptly ended out of PA due to quality in the last of the onions that were harvested later in the season. We will have a short gap on **Organic Red Onions** until we get started with Peri & Sons onions later this week.

We will get our first arrival of Peri & Sons Nevada grown **Organic Red** and **Yellow Onions** the last week of September. Quality is expected to be outstanding.

OTHER STORIES:

Organic Asparagus supplies have begun to come in from Argentina and Mexico. Quality has been very good and the market is steady.

Organic Black Mission Figs will wind down and come to an end soon. Supplies will be hit and miss as the season winds down.

ALERT! Organic Baby Spinach, Baby Lettuces, and other blends are a challenge as mildew and quality pose threats to 100% fill rates. This will likely last another week or 2. Expect prorates.

Organic Celery is in better supply this week, though the market is poised to go up. Quality is better this week in cartons and in packed **Organic Celery Hearts.**

Organic Broccoli prices have begun to move up in CA. Canada reports good supplies, but quality is not as strong. **Organic Broccoli Crowns** are in good supply out of CA and Canada.

Organic Keitt Non-Hot Water Treated (NHWT) Mangos continues to be in stock this week. Fruit will remain large with 6 and 7ct being peak sizing right now. This fruit will last for another week or 2 and then we will be gapping in Organic Mangos for a while.

Organic Snap Peas are in limited supply out of CA. Quality has been good and other small shippers out of CA should begin soon.



LIST FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 23 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

NEW YORK

HEPWORTH FARMS - MILTON, NY

40550 - OG Cabbage Green NY 45 lb

40518 - OG Cabbage Savoy NY 35 lb

46811 - OG Garlic White NY 20 lb

41183 - OG Lettuce Romaine NY 24 ct

40838 - OG Peppers Jalapeno NY 10 lb

PEDERSEN FARMS - SENECA CASTLE, NY

40386 - OG Cabbage Green NY 45 lb

40416 - OG Greens Kale NY 24 ct

40724 - OG Parsley Curly Prem NY 30 ct

PENNSYLVANIA

CHRIST KING - LANCASTER COUNTY, PA

41536 - OG Onion Candy Sweet Med PA 40 lb

41535 - OG Onion Candy Sweet Jumbo PA 50 lb

40767 - OG Peppers Green Medium PA 22 lb

40779 - OG Peppers Red Large PA 22 lb

41031 - OG Squash Butternut PA 35 lb

46814 - OG Squash Stripetti PA 30 lb

CLARION RIVER - SLIGO, PA

40784 - OG Peppers Anaheim PA 10 lb

41053 - OG Squash Honeynut PA 40 lb

41037 - OG Squash Sweet Dumpling PA 35 lb

ORGANIC



LADY MOON FARMS - CHAMBERSBURG, PA

40532 - OG Beets Red Bunch Prem PA 24 ct

41088 - OG Cucumber Prem PA 20 lb

41091 - OG Cucumber PA 20 lb

40684 - OG Chard Green PA 12 ct

40666 - OG Chard Green Premium PA 24 ct

40680 - OG Chard Rainbow Prem PA 24 ct

40667 - OG Chard Red Prem PA 24 ct

40639 - OG Eggplant Premium PA 24 lb

41007 - OG Greens Collards PA 24 ct

40628 - OG Greens Dandelion Prem PA 24 ct

40893 - OG Greens Dandelion Red PA 24 ct

40811 - OG Greens Kale PA 24 ct

40472 - OG Greens Kale Lacinato PA 24 ct

40668 - OG Greens Kale Red Bore PA 24 ct

40724 - OG Parsley Curly Prem PA 30 ct

40767 - OG Peppers Green Medium PA 22 lb

40796 - OG Peppers Green Premium PA 25 lb

41359 - OG Tomato 2-Layer PA 20 lb

41346 - OG Tomatoes Cherry Clam PA 12/1 pt

41385 - OG Tomato Cherry Rainbow PA 12/1 pt

41336 - OG Tomato Grape PA 12/1 pt

41398 - OG Tomato Grape Gold PA 12/1 pt

41389 - OG Tomato Heirloom PA 10 lb 41351 - OG Tomato Roma PA 20 lb

MOCKINGBIRD HILL - MILLVILLE, PA

40485 - OG Beets Red PA 25 lb (Bubbling Brook)

41515 - OG Onion Red PA 16/3 lb

41531 - OG Onion Red Jumbo PA 40 lb

41525 - OG Onion Red Medium PA 40 lb

41514 - OG Onion Red Bag 1/3lb

REED FARMS - ELIZABETHTOWN, PA

40376 - OG Beans Green PA 25 lb

RUBEN PEACHEY FARM - TYRONE, PA

41036 - OG Squash Acorn Green PA 30 lb

41031 - OG Squash Butternut PA 35 lb

41050 - OG Squash Spaghetti PA 30 lb

SAM STOLTZFUS - LOGANTON, PA

46687 - OG Onion Yellow Jumbo PA 40 lb

41036 - OG Squash Acorn Green PA 30 lb

41031 - OG Squash Butternut PA 35 lb

41035 - OG Squash Delicata PA 35 lb

41044 - OG Squash Kabocha PA 35 lb

41220 - OG Squash Pie Pumpkin PA 35 lb

41055 - OG Squash Red Kuri PA 35 lb

FALL ORNAMENTALS & PUMPKINS

04934 - Straw Bales Small 24 ct

04931 - Straw Bales Mini Cello 50 ct

04944 - Pumpkin Little 20-25 ct

04965 - Pumpkin Face Carton PA 3 ct

04950 - Pumpkins Baby Pam (Pie) 8-12 ct

04930 - Gourds 1/2 Bushel 38 ct

04923 - Baby Pam Painted 8 ct 04901 - Indian Corn 16/3 ct

04902 - Rainbow Poppers (Assorted) 36/3 ct

04898 - Painted Cutie Transylvania 12 ct

04903 - Sticker-Me-Up-Pumpkin 10/3 ct

04925 - Color Me Pumpkin 10/3 ct

04921 - Painted Cutie Pie Animals 12 ct

04922 - Painted Cutie Pie Kids w/ Hat 12 ct

04939 - Painted Gourds Display 12 ct

04924 - Painted Mini Pumpkins 40 ct

04952 - Painted Face Pumpkin Display 60 ct 04927 - Hotel Transylvania 1/2 Pallet 240 ct

04940 - Pumpkin Jack Be Little 25-30 ct

04942 - Pumpkin Baby Boo White 32 ct

04920 - Pumpkin Little Bagged 14/3ct

04929 - Jack-Be-Littles Bagged 14/5 ct

04928 - Ornamental Gourds Bagged 14/5 ct

04935 - Straw Bales Regular Size PA 1 ct 04945 - Corn Stalks 10 ct 1 bunch



04980 - Pumpkin **Fall Fantasy** Bin 35 ct (Fairytale, White Flat, Cinderella)

04968 - Pumpkin **Autumn Mix** Bin 35 ct (Blue Jarrahdale, Long Island Cheese, Peanut)

07386 - Pumpkin Mixed Bin 50 ct

04893 - Gourd Lunch Lady Bin 85 ct

07325 - Pumpkin Cinderella Bin 30 ct

04897 - Pumpkin Fairytale Bin PA 35 ct

07302 - Pumpkin Fairytale Bin 40 ct

04954 - Pumpkin Cheese Bin PA 60 ct 07326 - Pumpkin Neck Bin 80 ct

07374 - Pumpkin Peanut Bin 40 ct

07380 - Pumpkin Baby Pam (Pie) Bin 200 ct 04951 - Pumpkin Baby Pam (Pie) Bin 150 ct



07328 - Pumpkin Face Bin 14 ct

04963 - Pumpkin Face Bin 20 ct

07385 - Pumpkin Face Bin 35 ct

04984 - Pumpkin Face Bin 40 ct

07304 - Pumpkin Face Bin 45 ct

04982 - Pumpkin Face Bin 50 ct

04987 - Pumpkin Face Bin 60 ct

04959 - Pumpkin Face Bin 70 ct 07329 - Pumpkin Face Bin 80 ct

07401 - Pumpkin Pie Bin 200-250 ct 04986 - Pumpkin White Bin 60 ct

04969 - Pumpkin White 75 ct

07336 - Pumpkin White 85 ct

04995 - Pumpkin 150-200 lb. Prize Winner 1 ct

CONVENTIONAL

PENNSYLVANIA

BENEDICTS PRODUCE - CHAMBERSBURG, PA

01060 - CV Corn White PA 48 ct

01062 - CV Corn Bi-Color PA 48 ct

00999 - CV Cauliflower Jacket Bin PA 60 ct

01935 - CV Peppers Red Choice PA 25 lb

01802 - CV Peppers Suntan PA 22lb

02390 - CV Squash Spaghetti PA 35 lb

COPENHAVER - LEBANON, PA

00482 - CV Beans Green PA 25 lb

COUNTRY ACRES - WAYNESBORO, PA

01820 - CV Peppers Green Bag M/L PA 10/2 lb

CRAMERS FARM - LANCASTER COUNTY, PA

23156 - CV Tomato Heirloom PA 15 lb

EPHRAIM ZOOK - LANCASTER COUNTY, PA

00631 - CV Broccoli Bin w/Stem PA 110 ct

23031 - CV Tomato VR XLG PA 25 lb

HARLAN HESS - ZIONSVILLE, PA

02855 - CV Cucumber Carton PA 24 ct

02803 - CV Cucumber Super Select PA 72 ct

02845 - CV Cucumber Kirby PA 40 lb

02812 - CV Cucumber Select PA 72 ct

01975 - CV Peppers Cubanelle PA 18 lb

01993 - CV Peppers Habanero Orange PA 8 lb

02390 - CV Squash Spaghetti PA 35 lb

02320 - CV Squash Yellow Medium PA 20 lb

21450 - CV Tomato VR 4x5 w/PLU PA 20 lb

21880 - CV Tomato 3pk Tube Tray 10/3pk

23118 - CV Tomato 6x6 PA 25 lb

23379 - CV Tomato Roma Clam w/Recipe PA 9/2lb.

23220 - CV Tomato Roma XLG PA 25 lb

21440 - CV Tomato VR 4x4 w/PLU PA 20 lb

HESS BROTHERS FRUIT

05475 - CV Apples Gala 88ct East 40 lb

05471 - CV Apples Gala 100 ct East 40 lb

05480 - CV Apples Gala No PLU 100 ct 40 lb

05030 - CV Apples Gala East 2-1/2 12/3lb

05168 - CV Apples Gala Tote 8ct 40 lb

05294 - CV Apples Ginger Gold 88s East 40 lb

05290 - CV Apples Ginger Gold 100ct East 40 lb

05291 - CV Apples Ginger Gold 100ct No PLU 40lb

05017 - CV Apples Ginger Gold East 12/3lb

05175 - CV Apples Ginger Gold Tote 8/5lb 05476 - CV Apples Honeycrisp 80/88ct East 40lb

05010 - CV Apples Honeychisp 00/00ci Edsi 40ib

05019 - CV Apples Honeycrisp East 2 1/2" 12/3lb

05174 - CV Apples Honeycrisp 8 ct Tote 38 lb

05672 - CV Apples McIntosh $72/88\ ct\ 40\ lb$

05680 - CV Apples McIntosh 100 ct PA 40 lb

05040 - CV Apples McIntosh 2-1/2 PA 12/3 lb

05167 - CV Apples McIntosh Tote 8 ct PA 38 lb

05205 - CV Apples Red Delicious 72/88ct 40 lb

05210 - CV Apples Red Delicious 100 ct 40 lb

05125 - CV Apples Red Delicious No Sticker 40 lb

05000 - CV Apples Red Delicious 2-1/2 12/3 lb

05166 - CV Apples Red Delicious Tote 8 ct 38 lb

HOGELAND FARMS - NEWMANSTOWN, PA

02855 - CV Cucumber Carton PA 24 ct

IVAN ZIMMERMAN - LANCASTER COUNTY, PA

00758 - CV Cabbage Green Bin PA 60 ct



JOSH WEAVER - LANCASTER COUNTY, PA

00750 - CV Cabbage Green PA 50 lb

00780 - CV Cabbage Red PA 50 lb.

LEVI STOLTZFUS - LANCASTER COUNTY, PA

00631 - CV Broccoli Bin w/Stem PA 110 ct

02372 - CV Squash Butternut PA 35 lb

RICE FRUIT - GARDNERS, PA

05030 - CV Apples Gala East 2-1/2 12/3lb

05471 - CV Apples Gala 100 ct East 40 lb

05476 - CV Apples Honeycrisp 80/88ct East 40lb

05019 - CV Apples Honeycrisp East 2 1/2" 12/3lb

SAM ZOOK - LANCASTER COUNTY, PA

21806 - CV Tomato Grape Clam PA 24/1 lb

STAUFFER HULING FARMS - LANCASTER, PA

04106 - CV Onions Sweet Jumbo PA 40 lb

04628 - CV Onions Sweet PA 14/3 lb

SUBARASHII KUDAMONO - KEMPTON, PA

07290 - CV Pears Asian Brown 12 ct

NEW JERSEY

FLAIM FARMS - VINELAND, NJ

00205 - CV Arugula NJ 24 ct

00455 - CV Basil NJ 15 ct

00560 - CV Beets Gold Bunch NJ 12 ct

00551 - CV Beets Red Bunch NJ 12 ct

00591 - CV Bok Choy NJ 30 lb

00592 - CV Bok Choy Baby (Shanghai) NJ 30lb

00790 - CV Cabbage Chinese NJ 30 lb

01670 - CV Cabbage Napa NJ 30 lb

00855 - CV Carrots Bunch NJ 24 ct

01362 - CV Chard Swiss Green NJ 12 ct

01355 - CV Chard Swiss Rainbow NJ 12 ct

01368 - CV Chard Swiss Red NJ 12 ct

01034 - CV Cilantro NJ 30 ct

01170 - CV Dandelion Bunch NJ 12 ct

01200 - CV Dill NJ 24 ct

01275 - CV Eggplant Graffiti NJ 12 lb

01285 - CV Eggplant Italian NJ 10 lb 01260 - CV Eggplant Premium NJ 24 lb

01273 - CV Eggplant Sicilian NJ 20 lb

02875 - CV Endive/Chickory NJ 18 ct

02901 - CV Escarole NJ 18 ct

01308 - CV Greens Collard NJ 18 lb

01315 - CV Greens Kale 18 ct NJ 18 lb

01346 - CV Greens Mustard NJ 18 lb

01350 - CV Greens Turnip NJ 18 lb

01462 - CV Kohlrabi Green NJ 12 ct

01478 - CV Leeks Bunched NJ 12 ct 03050 - CV Lettuce Green Leaf NJ 20 lb 24 ct

03065 - CV Lettuce Red Leaf NJ 20 lb 24 ct

01516 - CV Mint Box NJ 12 ct

01960 - CV Peppers Anaheim NJ780 10 lb

01828 - CV Peppers Green Choice NJ 22 lb

01975 - CV Peppers Cubanelle NJ 18 lb

01839 - CV Peppers Green XLG NJ 22 I

01993 - CV Peppers Habanero Orange NJ 8 lb

01967 - CV Peppers Jalapeño NJ 35 lb

01980 - CV Peppers Long Hot NJ 16 lb

01985 - CV Peppers Serranos NJ 8 lb 01180 - CV Radish Daikon NJ 40 lb

03127 - CV Radish Red Bunch NJ 24 ct

02350 - CV Squash Acorn NJ 35 lb

02241 - CV Squash Green Fancy PA 20 lb

02372 - CV Squash Butternut NJ 35 lb

02390 - CV Squash Spaghetti NJ 35 lb

JERSEY FRESH - WOODBURY, NJ

04404 - CV Potatoes White NJ 10/5 lb

04493 - CV Potatoes Red NJ 10/5lb

04428 - CV Potatoes White NJ $100/10 \mathrm{lb}$

NEW YORK

APPLE BIN FARM MARKET - ULSTER PARK, NY

06620 - CV Pears Bosc Local 2 1/2" NY 40 lb

HUDSON RIVER FRUIT COMPANY - MILTON, NY

05060 - CV Apples Empire East 2-1/2 NY 12/3lb

05432 - CV Apples Empire East 72/88 ct NY 40lb

05171 - CV Apples Empire Tote 8 ct NY 40 lb 05294 - CV Apples Ginger Gold 88s East 40 lb

05017 - CV Apples Ginger Gold East 12/3lb

TORREY FARM - ELBA, NY

00781 - CV Cabbage Red NY 20 lb

00795 - CV Cabbage Red NY 50 lb

GUIDE TO SWEET POTATOES



PURPLE STOKES

- Purple skin, deep purple flesh - Rich with antioxidants and phyto-nutrients
- Flesh is slightly more waxy and drier than orange-flesh sweet potatoes
- The flavor is a rich balance of sweet flavor and yam-like earthiness
 - A longer baking time is required to bring out the best flavor



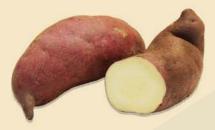
GARNET

- Ever-popular variety, all-purpose - Reddish-purple skin - Vivid orange flesh, moist texture, sweet flavor



JEWEL

- Orange-red skin Deep orange, moist flesh - Ideal for boiling, whipping, roasting, casseroles, fries, & baking



JAPANESE (ORIENTAL)

- Purple skin, white flesh
- Feature a very sweet flavor
 - Firm, dry texture
- Holds shape even after cooked, ideal for baking & roasting



COVINGTON

- Grown prominently in North Carolina
 - All-purpose
 - Red-tan skin
 - Moist orange flesh



WHITE HAMON

- Cream-tan color skin
 - Off-white flesh
 - Moist and sweet
- Primarily grown in New Jersey



HANNAH

- Light yellow to tan skin
 - White flesh
- Has a mild flavor and excellent sweetness - Primarily grown in California

SWEET POTATO TIPS:

Orange-flesh Sweet Potatoes are ideal for boiling, whipping, roasting, casseroles, fries and baking.

White-flesh Sweet Potatoes have a drier texture and are excellent for baking, roasting or pan frying.

At home, do not store Sweet Potatoes in the refrigerator. Simply, keep them in a cool, dry place like the bottom or your pantry.

Do not seal uncooked Sweet Potatoes inside a plastic bag during storage. Some ventilation is best.

What we often call "Yams" in the United States are actually Sweet Potato varieties.



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CONVENTIONAL MARKET NEWS

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FALL GRAPE OUTLOOK



For the last week of September, we will begin to transition from Dulcich's **Pretty Lady Grapes** into their **Hobgoblin** label. They will run through October.

In the Hobgoblin line, you can expect the biggest and best **Grapes!**

The **White Grape** will continue to be the **Emerald** variety through most of October, then the **Autumn King**. The **Red Scarlet Royal** and the black soon the **Autumn Royal**.

The more value lines (non branded California Grapes, medium-large) will be moving into the **Autumn King's** as well as **Crimsons** and **Scarlet Royals**. **Crimsons** will clean up quickly and prices on the **Scarlet Royals** will firm up next week, even on the smaller sizes. It could be up \$2-4 depending on size.



CV LETTUCE

ICEBERG LETTUCE

Western **Iceberg Lettuce** is in great supply again this week with very nice quality. Pricing will be steady to lower.

LEAF LETTUCES

Leaf Lettuce is steady from California, and New Jersey supply is steady as well. We will have both options for **Romaine**, **Green Leaf**, and **Red Leaf Lettuce**. Western **Romaine Lettuce** quality is outstanding.

ROMAINE HEARTS

Romaine Hearts are in excellent supply and are very promotable. Pricing will be steady to lower.



CV BERRIES

RASPBERRIES & BLACKBERRIES

Mexican supplies of **Blackberries** are expected to improve slightly this week. Prices will be down a little and will continue to adjust depending on the volumes.

Raspberry supplies are expected to improve "any day"... but it's anticipated to be this week. Prices will be slightly lower with the better expected volume.

STRAWBERRIES

Steady supplies and pricing will continue this week on **Strawberries**.

BLUEBERRIES

ALERT! Sporadic **Blueberry** arrivals and strong pricing will continue for the next few weeks out of Peru. Prices are going to remain high until vessels start arriving within the next month.



CV PINEAPPLES

Pineapple supplies seem to be loosening up. We are moving into the "new crop" so to speak, and supplies will stabilize and we won't see the shortages of the past couple months.

What we will see is a shortage of the smaller **Pineapple** sizes, 7 and 8 counts, and more larger sizes 6's and larger. This is the planted crop which will have the larger fruit as opposed to the renewal crop, which is the second round of harvesting that produces the smaller sizes.



CV SPINACH

Our "Ocean Mist" 12/10oz Spinach pack continues to sell very well. Ask us about September promotional opportunities.



CV ONIONS

We will see **PA Simply Sweet Onions** wind down in the next couple weeks.



CV EGGPLANT

Eggplant quality remains nice from New Jersey with an uptick in price this week due to lighter volume.



CV CABBAGE

Cabbage is steady. Local PA and NJ fall deals are starting.

Local Bin Cabbage, with large heads and wrapper leaves, is available and promotable in price and supply.



CV MELONS

Keep promoting **Honeydew** and **Cantaloupes**. Good supplies will continue this week.



CV CUCUMBERS

Cucumber supplies are steady. The local season is winding down, but we'll be able to transition to Georgia and/or Mexico smoothly.

Cello-wrapped Cucumbers are steady.



CV PEPPERS

11lb Red, Yellow, and **Orange Pepper** supplies are picking up as Mexico is starting.

15lb Red and **Yellow Peppers** are available again this week in good supply.

Green Peppers remain limited with steady to higher pricing.



CV POTATOES

The new crop **Idaho Russet Potatoes** in larger sizes have continued to decease this week in price. There are abundant supplies of large product and the majority of the size profile of the Norkotah crop is big (40-70ct).

New crop **NJ** White and **Red Potatoes** continue to go strong and will continue through October.



CV TOMATOES

Beef and **Cluster Tomatoes** from Canada are winding down. Within a couple of weeks will we have Mexican product more consistently. Pricing will be steady to lower this week.

Vine Ripe Tomatoes remain limited for two layers and 25lb packs.

Roma Tomatoes will be lower in price this week as Mexican production kicks in.

Grape and Cherry Tomatoes are steady.



CV CAULIFLOWER & BROCCOLI

Cauliflower quality is excellent, but the market is better. Pricing will be higher this week, but still very reasonable.

Broccoli Crowns remain limited, but quality is nice. **Broccoli Bins** are available again this week.



CV HASS AVOCADOS

The **Hass Avocado** market has peaked and backed off a little from last week, leveling off.

Supplies will begin to pick up over the next two weeks and prices will begin to drop by the beginning of October. We won't see these drops on fruit loading next week, but on the fruit loading the week after. We should soon see prices down to a more normal level.



CV HARD SQUASH

All **Hard Squash** is plentiful and great to promote. We will continue to have all the varietal **Hard Squashes**.



CV STONE FRUIT

Jersey Peaches for all practical purposes are finished. California will rapidly wind up its season on Yellow Peaches, White Peaches, and both colors of Nectarines going into October.

Angelino Plums will run for a little longer with some fruit going into controlled atmosphere bags to extend this season with prices expected to go up significantly.



CV BRUSSELS SPROUTS

Brussels Sprouts quality is very nice with steady pricing.

Brussels Sprouts Stalks and **1 lb. mesh bags** look nice and steady in price and supply.



CV SUMMER SQUASH

Local **Zucchini** and **Yellow Squash** production is winding down, but the transition to Georgia and Mexico should be smooth within the next couple of weeks.

Displays of the Week!



