

Good News

- **CA Raspberries** – Organic (6676, Pudwill Farms) and conventional are in and product is sweet and tasty.
- **Broccolini** – Product is back in good supply coming out of Salinas. Price is coming off and quality is good.
- **Russian Banana Fingerlings** – Weiser Farms product is in stock. Item# 2415, 50 lb case.
- **Baby Purple Artichokes** – From Life's a Choke... (18082) 10 # case. Very good quality, color, and flavor.

Bad News

- **Eggs** – Prices are going to continue to climb this week as we approach Easter. Liquid eggs are about \$1 per dozen savings right now.
- **Limes** – Prices are still way up. Heavy rains and cold temps in MX are hurting supply. No relief in sight until possibly mid-May.
- **Red Fresno Chile** – Still very scarce and expensive.
- **Local Beefsteak Tomatoes** – High heat in the desert continues and is damaging the fruit. Cooler temps are in the forecast this week and we should see product back in stock soon.

Amenity List

- 5754 & 24495 Tangerines, Pixie
- 2847 & 2846 Tangerines, Clementines
- 23828 Tangerines, *FM Tree Ripe
- 1258 & 1259 Kumquats
- 2362 Dragonfruit
- 1446 Cantabella Melon
- 3468 Pineapples, So. African Baby
- 1379 Longan
- 3374 & 3375 Watermelon, Sugar Baby
- 1986 & 1987 Passionfruit
- 2196 & 2197 Pears, Asian Small
- 305 & 306 Cape Gooseberries
- 4702 Pears, Asian Fragrant
- 5564 Pears, Yali Asian
- 2220 & 2219 Pears, Forelle
- 6665 Rambutan Vietnamese
- 2592 Rambutan Hawaiian

New In Stock

Hawaiian Sweet Onions Aloun Farms, Kapolei, HI

Item# 24546, 15 lb



Crisp, Fresh, Ewa Sweet Onions are in season at Aloun Farms. Crisp, low acid and high sugar make these Ewa Sweeties a wonderful addition to any meal. Try them in your tuna and egg salad sandwiches, slow roasted on the fire, house made pickle recipe or in your favorite local style lomi salmon and poke dishes.

Market Overview

Avocadoes

High heat is accelerating some of the harvesting so we may see some quality issues this week and next. 60 ct are a good buy but #2's are running about \$7 less per case over the 48 ct.

Artichokes

Product is gapping and the popular 18 ct is way up as fields transition. Consider going with a 24 ct as it's about \$20 per case savings.

Asparagus

Conventional – Prices have climbed coming into Easter/Passover and will hold through the weekend.

Zuckerman Asparagus – All sizes are available and quality is great!

Brussel Sprouts

Product out of Salinas and MX and prices are easing off. Quality is good.

Mushrooms

Chanterelles – Price is way up on gold and product is “stumpy”. **Yellow Foots** on hand look very nice!

Hedgehog – Better alternative to chanterelles for right now. Quality is good.

Morel – Product on hand is large and sizes are very consistent.

Celery & Leaf Items

Product is now coming out of the Northern regions; price is holding out and quality is good. Green and Red Leaf are great buys.

Romaine Hearts – Product is greener this time of year and we may see prices up slightly this week.

Broccolini, Cauliflower, and Broccoli

Broccoli – Prices have eased off and quality is improving.

Cauliflower – Product out of Salinas and Santa Maria is very good and price is reasonable.

Broccolini – Prices and supply continue to improve on product out of Salinas.

Peas & Beans

Sugar Snap & Snow – Supply is improving out of Peru, MX, and CA. Blue Heron product is available and very tasty (23777) 12/8 oz.

English Peas – We are stocking Rutiz Farms, Valdivia, and Blue Heron under *FM code (5598). Conventional are available as well by the pound (2174) or 28# case (2173).

Fava Beans – Valdivia product is available by the pound (6304) with very good quality.

Blue Lake – Storms in MX have hurt supply and increased price. Will improve after the Easter holiday into April.

Melons

Honeydew – Still limited supply on larger sizes but price has leveled off.

Cantaloupe – Supply is good and prices have come down. Smaller sizes are in better supply; 15 ct are light.

Watermelon – Supply is much better and quality will continue to improve. Prices have eased off.

Peppers

Green – Central MX product is winding down and Northern MX harvest will begin in mid-April. Quality is fair.

Colored - Price is up slightly over green.

Tomatoes

Slicing/Romas – We have some slight relief this week as prices eased off a bit. Romas are a slightly better buy.

Grape & Cherry – Supply is steady out of MX and price is good.

Heirlooms – Supply is on the light side but price and quality are holding out.

Stone Fruit

Yellow Peaches – Chilean product is done. Domestic product should start around mid-April.

White Peaches/Plums – Currently the best bet for offshore stone fruit until CA ramps up.

Pluots – Quality is fair on Chilean product but supply is very tight.

Nectarines – Product is out there but quality is very poor.

Apricots/Cherries – CA product is about 3-4 weeks away.

Cucumbers

Standard – Supply out of N. MX and Baja is plentiful; excellent quality and price is down.

English/Hot House – Prices are holding at lower levels and supply is steady.

Garlic

China – Price has come off a little more and should continue to ease into April.

CA – Price is easing off slightly though the issues with Chinese product created a strong demand.

Citrus

Limes – Extremely high prices. The Easter holiday and rains in MX have put a heavy demand on the growers. Relief will come around mid-May.

Lemons – Supply out of Ventura is good though we will start to see an upward trend in pricing through April. The higher counts are a better value especially as we come into the off-season.

Grapefruit – CA Ruby Red product is available and TX is winding down.

Oro Blanco – Bernard Ranch product is available and cutting well.

Local Valencias – JJ Lone Daughter product is in house and is fantastic for juicing. Item# 5710 is a great buy right now and will be for the next couple of months.

Navels – Domestic and import supplies have eased off. Supply is good and price is down.

Bloods – Product still available and price is holding at lower levels.

Cara Cara – Still available and quality is good.

Pixie Tangerines – We have in house this week.

Tangelos – In house from JJ Lone Daughter & Thys Ranches and cutting very well.

Berries

Straws – Prices and quality are excellent on product out of Santa Maria.

Black – Price is up and supply is limited. Lingering damage from the heavy rain and storms in MX.

Blues – Good substitute for blackberries as most of the fields missed the storms. Price and quality is good.

Ras – Product out of Yuma and CA are very good. Great local and conventional options available.

Squash

Yellow Squash – Quality is still spotty and price is holding at higher levels. Relief is expected over the next two weeks.

Zucchini – Quality is good and price is holding at lower levels. Great supply out of North MX.

Acorn/Spaghetti – New MX crop is in and quality and price are good.

Butternut – Supply is tight but will improve by next week.