

Good News

- **Iceberg/Romaine Lettuce** – Prices have eased considerably and quality has been good.
- **Baby Sweet Dumpling Squash** – In stock from Finley Farm. Softball size and very sweet. Item# 25980, per/lb.
- **Fall Decorations** – Products are available. We will be stocking some but please order as early as possible.
- **Fall Squash** – Suzie’s Farms has fall squash coming available this week: Red Kuri (20651), Hubbard (7244), and Delicata (23702).

Bad News

- **Very Short Supply** – Red Endive, Baby Kale, Strawberries, Cherry Tomatoes, and Roma Tomatoes.
- **Sunchokes** – Extremely limited. Sourcing where available until Weiser supply improves in November.
- **Butter** – Prices are rising to extreme levels due to a large increase in demand. The holiday pull has begun and McDonald’s is switching from margarine and serving breakfast all day.
- **Pineapples** – Heavy storms in all major growing regions has hurt supply. Pro-rating is in effect. Relief expected by early Nov.

Fall Amenity List

- 20149 APPLES, FM FUJI*
- 20146 APPLES, FM GALA*
- 5864 APPLES, FM GREEN BABY*
- 24215 APPLES, FM GRN SMITH*
- 19644 QUINCE FM*
- 5516*/2295 PERSIMMONS, FUYU
- 5576 POMEGRANATES, FM*
- 25756 PEARS, FM BARTLETT* (1 on hand)



Denotes Pre-order. Order by Tuesday at Noon for Wednesday pick up.

Featured Product

Sweet Dumpling Squash FM

Finley Farms
Item# 25980, per lb

Softball size with very sweet flesh. Smell like a pumpkin and great for stuffing!



Market Overview

Avocadoes

Prices on 60 ct have eased slightly. #2 fruit is limited to N/A. **Item# 135 HASS 48 CT is the best buy this week.**

Artichokes

Prices are higher on 18 ct. Quality is decent all around and prices will be continue to ease. Baby supply is good.

Sunchokes

Very sporadic due to the seasonal gap; relief in about 3 weeks. Some sporadic sources in the meantime.

Asparagus

Conventional – Prices are firm due to limited supply out of Peru. Western growers expected to catch up by next week and prices will ease.

White (Peru) – Product available. Item# 117.

Brussel Sprouts

Supply is very steady. Quality and price are both excellent.

Stone Fruit

Apricots – Fresh domestic product has finished.

FM Nectarines – Done for the season.

FM Peaches – Done. IQF product is available.

Cherries – Fresh product is unavailable. Many frozen and shelf stable options available.

Plums – Some product available; poor quality and sugar content.

Iceberg, Broccoli, Cauliflower, & Celery

Fallout from the heat and rain will continue. We are seeing some relief on prices but the market is still tight; keep an eye on prices and quality through October.

Leaf Items

Napa Cabbage – Very poor yields this week and quality issues across the board.

Arugula – Some yellowing due to high heat. Overall quality is good and will continue to improve as it cools.

Spinach – Supply is in extreme conditions due to heat. Overall good quality with thicker stems here and there.

Bloomsdale/Savoy – Product is very limited.

Spring Mix/Mesclun – Supply issues due to heat. We will continue to sub for best product available.

Iceberg – Prices have eased but may increase if heat and rain continue.

Green/Red Leaf – Supplies are light but what's available has been good quality.

Butter – Supply and quality are very good.

Romaine/Hearts – Heads are running smaller and supply is light. Will improve with cooler temps.

Kale – Supplies are tight with the heat and much higher demand.

Peas & Beans

Sugar Snap & Snow – Prices are up on both, but quality has been holding out.

Garbanzo Beans – Seasonal gap; relief in about 2 weeks.

English Peas – Seasonal gap for another week or so. Shelled products is available at a premium, item# 7603.

Cranberry Beans – Product on hand.

Pea Tendrils – McGrath has finished for the summer. Conventional product available.

Fava Beans – Conventional product is available.

Blue Lake – Extreme shortage due to heat. Relief expected when Baja and Central CA begin.

Melons

Hon/Cant – Scattered heavy rains in the desert regions has hurt quality. Sugar content is lower this time of year.

Heirloom Melons – Plenty of Sugar/Summer Kiss on hand.

Watermelon – Prices are holding at lower levels and quality has been good.

Yellow Watermelon – Limited availability. Sold by the each, item# 1492.

Local Mix Melons – Finished for the season.

Cucumbers

Standard – Quality is good and prices are holding at lower levels.

English/Hot House – Prices are holding at lower levels.

Garlic

Chinese product is being held up. Prices will be up across the board as CA tries to fill in the gaps.

Ginger

Chinese product is being held up. Subbing HI/Brazilian Ginger to fill in but prices will be up.

Peppers

Bells – Prices on Red and Green are high. Cooler temps will help production in the coming weeks.

Red Fresno – Prices have eased way off. Very good supply.

Red Thai – Limited product available.

Padron – Product available by pre-order. Weiser Farm available by the pound, item# 5442.

Calabrian – Special product available from Weiser for a couple of weeks. Item# 25755.

Tomatoes

Slicing/Romas – Prices are up due to poor weather in Baja. Quality will be off. Domestic supply is behind.

Local Beefsteaks – Available from Valdivia. Large and Small sizes available.

Grape & Cherry – Both are firm on price right now due to limited production. Grape are a better buy.

Local Cherry Heirloom – Very limited due to quality issues.

Heirlooms – MX is done, CA supply is limited due to heat. Valdivia has had some very nice product available.

Teardrop – Supply is short on yellow and red for the next 2 weeks.

Mushrooms

Blue Chanterelles – Supply out of Oregon by the lb. Item# 6199 (pre-order).

White Chanterelles – Supply out of Oregon by the lb. Special order only.

Gold Chanterelles – Plenty on hand and prices have eased, good quality. Supply out of EU. Item# 1604 by the lb.

Porcini – Supply out of Oregon by the lb but limited. Item# 1627 (pre-order).

Lobsters – Product on hand but supply is limited, item# 1618.

Matsutake - #1s available but limited, item# 1619.

Cauliflower – Product on hand, item# 7147.

Citrus

Lemons – *Prices have eased slightly. Avoid Sunkist label if possible. Best deals are 165 & 200ct.*

Limes – Prices are back to normal levels.

Blood Oranges – Currently unavailable.

Kumquats – Some local product has come available. We have a limited supply on hand.

Grapefruit – CA Ruby Red product is now being shipped. Color may be lighter but quality is good.

Local Oro Blanco – Gapping for 4 weeks.

Local Valencia's – 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 – Switching back on October 15th.

Pumelo – Product will trickle in this week and next.

Satsuma & Clementine – CA product coming available around mid-October.

Berries

Straws – Major quality issues; subbing for best quality. Relief expected by the end of September.

Black – Labor strike in MX are hurting supply. Quality is fair. Relief expected in October.

Blues – Prices are up as import product is very light. Relief expected in October.

Ras – Heat will continue to hurt CA production. Prices are way up.

Squash

Local Baby Summer – A few mixed cases of organic medium size on hand from Suzie's, item# 24698.

Yellow Squash & Zucchini – CA and Baja supply is tight right now.

Acorn, Butternut, Spaghetti – Good supply on CA product.

Blossoms – Product available; quality is good.

Romanesco

Product available and quality is good.

Herbs

High heat has taken its toll on local fields for chervil, tarragon, marjoram, lemon thyme, chives, and dill. Major improvement expected with cooler temps.

