

### Good News

- **County Line Chicory Mix** – This popular whole baby mix is now available for the season. Item# 5976, 5# case.
- **CA Citrus** – Blood and Cara Oranges, Tree Ripe Tangerines, Oro Blanco, Pummelo, and Satsumas are in season. See CITRUS section below for more info.
- **Spigarello** – This tender, leafy green is in stock from County Line Harvest. Item# 5408, 12 bu case.
- **Frog Hollow Warren Pears** – 27 cases currently on hand. Get them now for Christmas and New Year's celebrations! Item# 6593

### Bad News

- **Asparagus** – Large asparagus is extremely limited and very pricey. Jumbo and X-Large are better buys. Prices overall are strong.
- **Cauliflower** – Holding at extreme levels.
- **Tomatoes** – Rounds and Romas are at very high levels. 4x4/4x5 are limited. Crop loss in FL is creating a higher demand for Western fruit.
- **Farmers Market Persimmons** – Becoming scarce. Season for local product is wrapping up.
- **Berries** – High across the board with Straws/Blues at extreme levels. No difference between Driscoll and packer label. Will sub for best quality.

### Christmas Decoratives

We will have the following Christmas decorative items available this month. Please allow a 24-48 hour lead time as the market is active for these items. Please forward any special requests to your account executive as early as possible:

- #2332 Pine Cones Ornaments BAG (25-CT)
- #1112 Holly English Green 1#
- #20504 Pine Branch Princess
- #3060 Wreath (10" x 20")
- #1552 Mistletoe 1#
- #973 Flowers Poinsetta Red 6" POT
- #974 Flowers Poinsetta White 6" POT

\*AVAILABLE BY SPECIAL ORDER ONLY\*

- Flowers Poinsettia Red 8" POT
- Flowers Poinsettia Red 4" POT
- Flowers Poinsettia White 8" POT
- Flowers Poinsettia White 4" POT

### Featured Product

#### **GRAPEFRUIT, MELOGOLD 23 CT Item# 26577**

The MeloGold Grapefruit is a cross between a Pummelo and a White Grapefruit. This fruit is extremely large with yellowish green pebbly skin and pale yellow flesh that is sweet-tart in flavor. Like a Pummelo, this fruit has a thicker rind than regular grapefruit, is almost seedless and is very juicy. The Melogold is an outstanding hybrid, available for a few short months.



## Market Overview

### Avocadoes

Seeing improvement now as the market and supply has stabilized. Best deals are on 48 ct. #2 fruit is limited.

### Artichokes

Supply is tight overall with 18 count product being extremely scarce. Prices are firm for this month.

### Sunchokes

Supply is currently very steady. Coke Farms and Weiser product available.

### Asparagus

**Conventional** – Prices have firmed and will hold slightly higher through December.

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

### Brussel Sprouts

*Prices are at extreme levels, especially on X-Fancy. Prices will hold at higher levels due to Holiday demand.*

### Cauliflower, Celery, Broccolini

*Extreme market! Quality is low and prices are very high. Some relief expected mid-December.*

### Citrus

**Lemons** – Prices have eased to more normal levels.

**Limes** – Prices are back to normal levels.

**Blood Oranges** – CA product available, excellent quality!

**Cara Cara Oranges** – CA product available, excellent quality!

**Kumquats** – Product on hand. Color is light and flavor is fair.

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

**Local Oro Blanco** – Conventional and Farmers Market product available from Bernard Ranch.

**Melogold** – Cross between Pummelo and Grapefruit; soft rind with sweet flesh. Item# 26577, 23 ct case.

**Local Valencia's** – JJ Lone Daughter product is in house and is fantastic for juicing. Item# 5710, 40# case.

**Navels** – Texas product on hand.

**Pumelo** – Conventional product on hand.

**Tree Ripe Tangerines** – Rieger Farms product on hand. Easy to peel and very tangy/sweet. Item# 23828.

**Satsuma & Clementine** – CA product on hand.

### Leaf Items

**Napa Cabbage** – Prices are holding at higher levels though supply has improved.

**Arugula** – Quality improving as cooler nights have helped.

**Spinach** – Supply and quality improving as weather cools.

**Bloomsdale/Savoy** – Supply has improved. **Great deal on County Line Organic, item# 6679.**

**Spring Mix/Mesclun** – Supply has somewhat improved.

**Iceberg** – Prices are holding at higher levels. Quality is better. **Romaine/Green Leaf are better options.**

**Green/Red Leaf** – Supply is good and prices are at lower levels.

**Butter** – Supply is slightly better but the market is still very high.

**Romaine/Hearts** – Romaine Hearts from all labels will be short. We will sub accordingly. Prices are very high.

**Kale** – Supply is improving with cooler temperatures.

### Figs

Black Mission and Brown Turkey available. Tiger Stripe are N/A. Quality is off.

## Peas & Beans

**Sugar Snap & Snow** – Prices are holding at higher levels.

**Garbanzo Beans** – Fresh product is on hand.

**English Peas** – Whole product is available this week. Shelled product is available at a premium, item# 7603.

**Cranberry Beans** – Fresh product is currently N/A.

**Pea Tendrils** – Conventional product available.

**Fava Beans** – Currently N/A.

**Blue Lake** – Prices are holding at lower levels and quality is good.

## Melons

**Hon/Cant** – Off shore fruit will be starting up. Small sizes will be N/A, only Larger (9 ct). Price and Quality are off.

**Heirloom Melons** – Summer/Sugar are done for the season. Tuscan melons start around January.

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

**Yellow Watermelon** – Done for the season.

**Pineapple** – Supply is still on the slower side though quality has been good on Dole label.

## Cucumbers

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

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

## Garlic

*Prices have normalized somewhat but supply is still tight.*

## Ginger

Prices and supply have returned to normal levels.

## Peppers

**Bells** – Red and Yellow are way up in price. **Green are a better option for the time being.**

**Red Fresno** – Supply is steady but the market has firmed. Prices are up.

**Habanero** – Same as Fresno; prices are up and supply is limited.

**Red Thai** – N/A for this week.

**Padron** – Currently N/A.

## Tomatoes

**Slicing/Romas** – Very high market on both with large sizes (4x4/4x5) very scarce. FL crop loss is strengthening the market out West.

**Local Beefsteaks** – Plenty of product on hand from Tamai. Large size. Item# 5414, 10# case.

**Grape & Cherry** – Price is comparable on both for this week. Overall poor market this time of year.

**Large and Small Heirlooms** – Some large Valdivia product under the CALIF sku. Quality is hit or miss.

**Teardrop** – Supply is still very short and prices are up. **Grape/Cherry are better buys right now.**

## Mushrooms

**Gold Chanterelles** – Supply has improved and prices are at lower levels.

**Black Trumpets** – Available out of Oregon. Item# 1605.

**Hedgehogs** – Available out of Oregon this week. Item# 1615.

**Porcini** – Currently unavailable.

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

**Blue Chanterelles** – N/A this week. Item# 6199 (pre-order).

**White Chanterelles** – N/A this week. Special order only.

**Lobsters** – N/A at this time. Item# 1618.

## Berries

**Straws** – Major quality issues; subbing for best quality. Prices will remain at higher levels through December.

**Black** – Demand is exceeding supply on all CA growing regions. Better option than Blues/Straws.

**Blues** – Prices are at extreme levels. Offshore and Domestic supply is very limited.

**Ras** – Prices have eased somewhat but market is still strong as folks are avoiding Blues/Straws.

## Squash

**Delicata Squash** – Tamai Farms product on hand; excellent quality. Item# 23072, per/lb.

**Baby Summer Squash** – Product is very limited. What's available is only fair quality.

**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

**Prices have eased considerably, though still high, on chervil, tarragon, lemon thyme, chives. Will continue to ease as weather cools.**