

## MARKET REVIEW

### **Apples/Pears**

There is good availability on all varieties: Reds, Galas, Granny Smith, and Golden Delicious. Your best value will be on 100 counts (medium size), Big and small sizes are limited this year. Pears are also in high production, the best deals are with D'Anjou and Bartlett, Bosc pears have had limited production this year.

### **Asparagus**

Availability is still an issue; prices have loosened a little, but still are peaking around the low to mid thirties. Peru will continue with light supplies until after the holiday season is all over and Mexico is struggling to keep up with demand, especially in big to jumbo sizes, due to delays in new crops because of colder than expected temperatures

### **Peppers**

Quality is good and there is plenty availability, prices are still down. Red and yellow bell peppers are very tight; prices will continue high as demand exceeds supply. No relief for colored peppers until mid January.

### **Berries**

Good quality and low prices on all varieties. Strawberry prices are very low due to lack of demand and good production coming from Florida, Mexico and California. Quality sizing and taste are outstanding. Blackberries and Raspberries are also available from Mexico. Blueberries are coming in abundance from Chile.

### **Citrus**

Lemons are looking good in the big sizes (140 & 110 counts), smaller sizes have a higher price and light availability. The navel orange crop is in peak production right now; good color, and sizing. Price is stable. Supplies of Limes are lower this week as growers in Mexico move to new fields and holiday labor shortages affect fruit-picking activities. Prices are going to be up until after the Holiday season.

### **Lettuces**

Plenty product available due to lower than expected holiday demand. Prices are at a low level and will continue like this until after the holiday season. Quality and appearance will be affected by recent cold weather snaps; epidermal peel and blisters may be present. Order as per necessary for fast turnover.

### **Cauliflower and Broccoli**

Prices are coming down from last week's unusually high prices. Quality is fair and supply will grow faster than demand, guaranteeing normal level prices for the next couple of weeks.

### **Green Onions (Scallions)**

Light production in Mexico due to cool, wet weather conditions and a seasonal harvest labor shortage have combined to push prices higher. No relief until mid January.

### **Squash**

Good availability in Florida. Prices have gone up a little from the recent lows, but expected to level just after the holiday season. Good quality and sizing.

### **Tomatoes**

Rounds, Romas, Cherries and Grapes: prices are stable and quality and availability are excellent from the Immokalee/Naples & Palmetto/Ruskin Districts in Florida.