

FRESH UPDATES

Week 52 & 1- Dec 20 & 27

GAMBLES 



GOOD BUYS

Grapes
Carrots
Mangoes
Celery
Apples
Potatoes

Apples & Pears

Apples - All varieties of local Ontario and Washington Apples are available and look great!

Pears - We are receiving a steady supply of Bartlett, Anjou & Bosc Pears out of Washington.

Watermelon

Poor weather in Mexico has caused supplies to be non-existent and the usual offshore supply is not enough to compensate. Expect availability to get better in the new year.

Melons

Due to cold weather in Guatemala and Honduras, offshore yields are very low, especially on Honeydews. There are lots of cheap specialty melons from Brazil but quality is not the best. This market should improve in the new year.

Avocados

Due to lack of rain in the growing areas this past summer, as well as high temperatures and insect issues, Jalisco crops are down 25-30%. Pricing is rapidly increasing as demand exceeds supply. Small sizes are less affected for now.

Bananas & Plantains

Both items are experiencing supply issues due to weather in harvesting regions, and price is increasing. Organic fruits are more heavily impacted. This is expected to continue at least until the end of December.

Kiwi


We have good supply of green and Top Gold Kiwi from Italy!

Papaya

We are bringing in Papaya from Mexico as needed!

Mangoes

Red Mangoes are in good supply. Ataulfo supply is limited due to vessel delays. Kents from Peru (ripe/air-flown) are on promotion- quality is excellent!



Tree-
ripened &
air flown!

Pineapples

Supply is tight, especially on larger fruit (size 5/6). Most of the volume is on size 7s & 8s. This situation will continue for the next few weeks. We have good supply on organic fruit!

Grapes

Green Grapes- The Peruvian market remains active. Volumes out of Peru & Brazil are not meeting current demand- expect this to continue for much of December. Supply and brix levels should improve in the new year. Next week will feature Jumbo Sweet Globes and Arra 15's.

Black Grapes- We are currently carrying California Autumn Royals until Peruvian Midnight Beauties are available to ship.

Red Grapes- We are receiving new crop Allison's and Jack Salute's from Peru- quality and size are great!

Strawberries

Limited supplies have started from Mexico. Florida is expecting to have large flushes starting mid-January, this should be a good time to promote.

Blackberries

This market is fluctuating a lot between steady and tight supply as forecasting has not been accurate throughout the year. We are bringing in fruit from Mexico.

Blueberries

We are seeing fruit from Peru, Chile and Argentina. Florida will begin at the end of December. Blues should be a promotable item through Christmas and into the new year.

Clementines/ Easy Peelers

We have a steady run on Moroccan clementines for now- promo opportunities available. We will transition to Nadorcotts just after Christmas. US fruit will pick up again when W.Murcotts start. NEW to Gambles- we have Sumo Mandarins that have arrived!



Pomegranates

We have new arrivals of Pomegranates from Turkey, size 8s and 10s. Great quality and taste! Additional sizes will be available after Dec 20th arrivals.

Raspberries

This market is experiencing the same issues as Blackberries. It is currently very unpredictable.

Hot House Peppers

Due to the issues with field production, hot house commodities remain tight and prices have increased. We have a steady supply of Spanish peppers by air, quality is fair.

Oranges

California shippers are still struggling to get size. Promos on 88s and smaller, as well as our bags. Cara Cara have started with a few 48s and mostly 56s, as well as 3lb bags. Florida Oranges are also available.

Grapefruit

We have a decent supply of Florida fruit. Promo opportunities on small fruit size 48/56. 32s remain in tight supply. Israeli fruit expected to hit by the end of next week!

Lemons

US market is still producing lots of high quality fruit, especially on 115s and 140s. 75 fancy have been in decent supply- stay ahead on orders. We have seedless Lemons available, as well as 1lb Meyers!

Limes

Lots of big sizes available, while smaller sizes are tight as indicated in pricing. Sweet Limes have been moving well, specifically Mammoth size.





LOCALLY GROWN

- Mushrooms
- Onions
- Apples
- Beets
- Potatoes
- Carrots

Peppers

Supply is starting to get better from both Mexico & Florida- we have passed the Christmas loading window so as demand comes down price will also follow.

Cauliflower

The US market is coming off. Fresh arrival of 12s and 9s T&A are available.

Broccoli

The US market is coming off. Andy Boy product from Mexico is being packed. Mexican Shortcut Broccoli crowns are also available.

Asparagus

This market is active due to short supply from Mexico. Fresh load of 11lb large size will arrive over the weekend.

Celery

The US market is very active, price is increasing. Fresh loads of Snoboy are arriving consistently with great quality.

Cucumbers

Field - Supply out of Mexico is ok, price is very cheap at the moment because of recent recalls.

Hot House - We are now approaching the annual tightening of the cucumber market. We expect supplies to be very limited until the end of January.

Zucchini

Due to oversupply from Mexican regions, this market is coming down hard. Prices are very low. We expect this to return to normal after Christmas.

Eggplant

We are currently bringing in Mexican product. Supply is good, price is extremely cheap and quality is nice. This is a good time to promote!

Squash

Mexico season has started and supply is starting to pick up. Great prices on small sizes, good time to promote.

Napa Cabbage

We are currently bringing in Napa Cabbage from the US! Ask your Sales Rep for details.

Mixed Greens

We're bringing in Little Bear product out of Texas. This includes cilantro, dill, parsley, methleaf, kale, radish and more. Quality is excellent!

Hot House Tomatoes

This market is tightening up, with prices on cluster tomatoes themselves doubling- we will hopefully see some relief in the new year depending on hot house and field production.

Tomatoes

We are bringing in product from both Mexico and Florida. Quality is fair at the moment. Supply from Florida is expected to increase at the beginning of January!



Lettuce

The US market is steady. Andy Boy, Snoboy & T&A will be available at a good price.

Salads

Prices are now all back to normal, with the exception of shredded cabbage. Romaine-based products are still showing some signs of quality concerns. We have fully transitioned to Arizona product.

Beans

We have transitioned to product from Mexico. Market has started to come down, price should continue to decrease.

Ginger

We have fresh Chinese Ginger, as well as great quality Organic product from Peru available!

Loose Garlic

Fresh load of Chinese Garlic is in stock. We also have Spanish purple Garlic available with excellent quality!

Mushrooms

This market remains steady, with great pricing and quality. Local varieties include traditional white, brown, Portabella, Oyster & Shiitake. Local Lionsmane, Yellow Oyster, Pioppini and King Oyster are available for pre-order.

Carrots

We currently have good supply of local Carrots with great quality! Price has increased due to an active US market and a relatively small crop this year.

Corn

We have limited quantities available from Florida. Fresh arrival expected mid week!

Okra

Excellent quality of Indian Okra arrives as needed. Please book in advance!

Beets

We have local Beets in all colours available- red, gold and stripe! Good price currently on 25lb bulk red Beets, inquire with your Sales Rep.

Onions

US Spanish Onions are moving well, and prices are holding steady. Size and quality are good. Local yellow and red Onions are available from both Ontario and Quebec, however we continue to feel pressure on red Onion availability. We are also carrying Peruvian Sweet Onions.

Potatoes

Local Potatoes in all colours and sizes are available, as well as PEI new crop baking Potatoes. Washington Potato prices are high but quality is excellent. We also have USA orange and oriental Sweet Potatoes in stock with great quality.



Happy Holidays!

From our team here at Gambles, we wish you and your loved ones a very Happy Holiday! All the best for a wonderful holiday season and a happy & healthy New Year.

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