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## For the week October 2 to 6, 2017

**Alerts** – Green onions production severely affected by a Tropical rain storm in Mexico, possible shortages and or substitutions during this time. Extreme heat has hit the California growing regions quality and pricing will be a concern on berries, broccoli, cauliflower, all leaf lettuce and iceberg items. Asparagus supplies lighter and market is still strong on all sizes, expect another couple of weeks until more shipping areas begin. Small lemons as demand exceeds supplies expect this to continue in California, Mexican fruit is available and district 3 fruit new crop California starting the beginning of October. Valencia oranges currently shipping with very strong markets. Limited supplies of hot house cucumbers with smaller profile on 12 count and shortages and or pro-rates on food service product.

Fruit	Quality	Market	Growing Area	Comments
Apples	Good	Steady	Washington/BC	Eastern/BC crop McIntosh available royal gala BC available and still light supplies of Red Delicious Granny Smith
Avocado	Good	Steady	Mexico	Better volume coming out of Mexico but we should see some relief in the coming weeks with steady to strong demand
Bananas	Good	Steady	Guatemala	Steady no change
Berries: Strawberries	Fair	Up	California	Good supplies and quality is still marginal however from previous weather related issues demand strong and Driscoll commanding a premium
Berries: Raspberries	Fair	Steady	California	Good supplies as we move into next week quality has improved from the previous weather quality is still marginal overall
Berries: Blackberries	Fair	Steady	California	Very light supplies and will remain that way for the balance of the California season quality is low so order for fast turn around
Berries: Blueberries	Good	Up	East Coast/South America	Transition will start soon for fruit from South America the North West have finished California light with mostly East Coast arrivals
Citrus: Lemons	Good	Steady	California/Mexico	Demand exceeds supplies for California lemons prices are high Mexican crop giving some relief as we await the start of district 3 fruit
Citrus: Limes	Fair	Steady/Lower	Mexico	Tropical storm Franklin has hit the Mexican lime crop hard causing quality issues and high markets
Citrus: Oranges Valencias	Fair	Up	California	Demand exceeds situation high heat and an already lighter California valencia crop has worsened supply for the rest of the season
Grape: Green	Very Good	Steady	California	Good supplies and quality
Grapes: Red	Very Good	Steady	California	Good supplies and quality
Melons: Cantaloupe	Very Good	Steady	California	Good supplies and quality
Melons: Honeydew	Very Good	Steady	California	Good supplies and quality
Melons: Watermelon	Good	Steady/Up	California/Mexico	Lighter supplies for California melons as most Northern areas are finished demand is strong and market has firmed up overall
Pears	Good	Steady	Washington	Good supplies and quality steady demand and markets
Pineapples	Very Good	Steady	Mexico	Good supplies and quality
Stone Fruit	Good	Steady	British Columbia	BC soft fruit season all but finished for the season
Tomatoes Round Field	Fair	Steady	California	Extreme heat in California causing variable quality and firmer no supplies from the East Coast or Mexico to alleviate the pressure
Vegetables	Quality	Market	Growing Area	Comments
Asparagus	Good	Steady	Mexico	Very light supplies coupled with strong demand for Mexican product and very limited supply of Peruvian availability market remains strong
Bell Peppers: Green	Good	Steady	California	Good supplies and quality
Bell Peppers: Red	Good	Steady	California	Steady supply with strong demand keeping markets firm quality remains good
Broccoli	Fair	Up	California	Extreme previous warm weather has caused supply gaps and this will continue for the next 2 to 3 weeks quality is down and market is strong
Carrots	Good	Steady	California	Good supplies and quality
Cauliflower	Fair	Up	California	Extreme warm weather decreasing supplies expect to see quality issues and lower shelf life market is firm
Celery	Good	Steady	California	Good supplies and quality
Cucumbers HH	Good	Steady	Alberta	No supply of #2 FS cucumbers expect shortages and substitutions smaller size only available now on 12 count so expect small or mediums
Eggplant	Good	Steady	California	Lighter supplies and availability in California with good demand and quality
Green Onions	Fair	Steady/Up	Mexico	Product still light in supplies expect markets to soften in the next couple of weeks as outlook is looking better
Lettuce: Leaf and Romaine	Fair	Up	California	Extreme heat in California has caused supply gaps and quality issues markets are rising and looks to be the trend in the weeks to come
Lettuce: Iceberg Trim and Cello	Fair	Up	California	Current anticipated supply gap has hit limited availability and low quality demand exceeds supplies and market are up
Onions	Good	Steady	Washington	Good supplies and quality stronger demand is holding the market firmer
Squash	Fair	Up	California	Strong demand with limited supplies demand is firm quality remains just average
Potatoes: Bakers	Good	Steady	Washington	Good supplies and quality market is steady but we should see some relief as we head into the next few weeks
Potatoes: Coloured	Good	Steady	Canadian	Local supplies of red and yellow potatoes shipping softer market now as more supplies are available

Quality Scoring (Fair – Good – Very Good – Excellent)

Disclaimer (Field report based on information provided on Wednesday of this week and does not necessarily correspond to current inventory or future inventory values and quality)