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For the week January 8 to 13, 2018

Alerts – “Holiday Loading Update” Transportation and holiday loading continues to be an issue and we are at the mercy of lots of variables. Drivers wanting to be home for the holidays and limited truck availability, back hauls and unloading delays, heavy congestion and delays with the loss of regular business days and back log of trucks. This combined with the extreme weather in Canada snow and cold temperatures and trucks breaking down as a result. We continue to do what we can to ensure product in our facilities but please be sure to communicate with your Pratts Representative if shorted during this time.

Fruit	Quality	Market	Growing Area	Comments
Apples	Good	Steady	BC	All product of BC however some varieties are finishing up fast as this years crop was down overall
Avocado	Good	Up	Mexico	Good volume coming out of Mexico this week but demand will pick up as we near the Super Bowl pull and US ads during this time
Bananas	Good	Steady	Guatemala	Steady no change
Berries: Strawberries	Fair	Up	California	Lighter supplies due to recent rain in California this will affect supplies and quality so order for fast turn around and keep inventories tight
Berries: Raspberries	Good	Steady/Up	Mexico	Supplies continue to be light with the majority of the volume shipping from Mexico continued strong demands and elevated markets
Berries: Blackberries	Good	Steady	Mexico	Good supplies this week with the majority of the volume shipping from Mexico lighter demand and markets are not as bad as raspberries
Berries: Blueberries	Good	Steady	Mexico/South America	Light supplies this week and next week but looks to be improving by mid January markets and demand remain strong
Citrus: Lemons	Good	Steady	California	Demand exceeds supplies for California lemons with the desert crop harvest being lighter in volume markets are firm and will remain so for the year
Citrus: Limes	Good	Steady	Mexico	Good quality and supply with steady demand and markets
Citrus: Oranges Navels	Good	Steady/Up	California	Good supplies of large size fruit 72's/88's and lighter supplies of small fruit 88's to 138's expect this for the remainder of the season
Grape: Green	Good	Steady	Chile	Good supplies and quality all New Crop Chilean fruit
Grapes: Red	Good	Steady	Chile	Good supplies and quality all New Crop Chilean fruit
Melons: Cantaloupe	Good	Steady/Up	Central America	Good supplies available 15 ct size fruit being harder to come by expect to see 12 ct for the most part going forward demand is firm
Melons: Honeydew	Good	Steady	Central America	Good supplies and quality
Melons: Watermelon	Good	Up	Mexico	Production numbers are down out of Mexico markets and demand is strong
Pears Bartlett	Good	Steady	Washington	Good supplies and quality market is firm and availability is on the lighter side now
Pineapples	Good	Steady	Mexico	Lighter supplies has moved the markets up slightly expect better supplies by mid January
Stone Fruit	Good	N/A	South America	BC soft fruit season all but finished for the season
Tomatoes Round Field	Good	Steady	Florida	Better availability now as further growing areas come on line expect a downward trend in the markets
Vegetables	Quality	Market	Growing Area	Comments
Asparagus	Fair	Steady/Up	Mexico	Lighter supplies this week from Peru pushing the Mexican market up overall quality is fair due to heat in the growing regions
Bell Peppers: Green	Good	Steady	Mexico	Good supplies and quality especially on choice grade
Bell Peppers: Red	Good	Steady	Mexico	Very limited supplies compared to green peppers due to low production markets are strong with good quality and demand
Broccoli	Good	Steady	California/Mexico	Light supplies with firm markets and strong demand expect to see some relief in the next few weeks
Carrots	Good	Up	Canadian	Lighter supplies of Canadian storage crop markets have reacted slightly and some sizing issues with the California product
Cauliflower	Good	Steady	California	Markets still strong but we should see a downward trend as demand is lighter after the holiday pulls
Celery	Fair	Steady	California	Good supplies and quality
Cucumbers HH	Good	Steady	Mexico	Good supplies and quality
Eggplant	Good	Steady	Mexico	Good supplies and quality
Green Onions	Good	Steady/Up	Mexico	Light supplies as a result of labour shortages in Mexico due to the holiday season and we should see changes as soon as next week
Lettuce: Leaf and Romaine	Fair	Steady/Up	Arizona Yuma	Good supplies however quality is down due to weather related issues steady demand and markets
Lettuce: Iceberg Trim and Cello	Fair	Steady/Up	Arizona Yuma	Good supplies however quality is down due to weather related issues steady demand and markets
Onions	Good	Steady	Washington	Good supplies and quality
Squash	Good	Steady	Mexico	Good supplies and quality demand has be strong leaving the markets firm with better supplies in the forecast in the next few weeks
Potatoes: Bakers	Good	Steady	Washington	Good supplies and quality
Potatoes: Coloured	Good	Steady	Canadian	Good supplies and quality

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)