



# MARKET REPORT

February 7, 2019

## At a Glance...

Issues with epidermal peel and blister on romaine continue industry-wide. Product is weaker coming out of the fields, leading to shorter shelf life and more visible quality issues. Picking crews are removing as much damage as they can, resulting in substantially reduced yields. This situation will continue into next week.

	Quality			Price		
	High	Avg	Fair	High	Avg	Low
Bell Peppers		✓		✓		
Broccoli		✓			✓	
Cauliflower		✓			✓	
Celery			✓	✓		
Onions		✓			✓	
Lettuce			✓		✓	
Romaine			✓		✓	
Tomatoes - West		✓			✓	
Tomatoes - East		✓			✓	



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## Sourcing Update:



### BELL PEPPERS

Demand is after a long period of escalated pricing. Supply from Mexico is increasing. Weather has improved in South Florida, helping to improve supply and quality. Sizing is trending to smaller sizes.



### BROCCOLI

Supplies have improved out of Yuma and Mexico. Field yields are improving. Quality is good with slight purpling, some mechanical damage, and occasional yellow cast.



### CAULIFLOWER

Market has picked up as harvests are ahead of schedule. Overall quality is good with minor bruising and some yellow cast. Market is expected to adjust higher into next week.



### CELERY

Supplies are tight due to heavy rains in Oxnard. Santa Maria and Yuma over the weekend. Common defects include slight bowing, muddy product, mechanical damage, slight insect damage, and leafy tops.



### ONIONS

White onions continue to be in short supply out of the Northwest. Yellow and red markets are steady. Demand is moderate and quality is good.



### LETTUCE

Quality issues include blister, epidermal peel, puffiness, discoloration, and mechanical damage. Product is weak coming out of the fields, and this is impacting shelf life. Industry-wide situation will continue into next week.



### TOMATOES

Cool weather and rain in Florida has slowed production and reduced yields. Mexico has heavy crossings which are keeping prices in check. Overall quality is mixed.



### ROMAINE

Significant issues with epidermal peel and blister continue, with damage reaching the interior of the plants. Product is weaker coming out of the fields, negatively impacting shelf life. Expect issues to continue into next week.



### APPLES

Granny Smith and Gold Delicious 113 and smaller continue to be extremely short in supply. Red Delicious and Fuji markets are steady with moderate demand, Quality is good.

## Logistics

The National Diesel Average is \$2.966 per gallon. Crude oil prices are at \$54.23 per barrel.

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