**Todd’s Wholesale Produce**

 ***Produce Newsflash***

***June 14th thru 20th, 2015***

**Across the western U.S., down into Mexico and in the southeastern U.S., growing/harvesting ongoing. All areas are experiencing their own unique growing conditions. Western areas are moving into spring weather patterns with warm temperatures, an occasional cold front, some scattered wet weather and wind. Overall water accumulation from rain and snow is way down this year for the region. Quality will suffer and supply gaps will occur. The southeastern region remains windy, wet and warm. Quality range is wide, volume is down and prices are higher. This will affect harvesting and growing operations through the spring and summer. We are awaiting damage/loss information due to “Blanca”.**

Fruit

**Apples/Pears: Domestic Apple market high but steady on all reds as supply remains tight on smaller sizes. Demand steady. Supply limited. New York finishes shipping in early June. Reds, Granny Smith and Golden varieties still trending to middle/ larger sizes, supply gaps may occur with smaller sized fruit. Fresh harvest ended. Crop in storage. Prices firm. Domestic Pear market steady. Washington State packing a few Anjou’s and finishing fast. Mostly larger sizes available. Supplies light overall east or west. Red pears market higher. Demand higher. Watch for case weight changes and pack size changes. Imported pears are available with smaller sizes and a higher market. California Bartlett coming soon.**

**Avocadoes: Mexico harvest light in volume, nearly finished. Demand is steady on an easing market. Domestic supply from California now harvesting fairly good volume on smaller sizes.**

**Bananas: Prices, volume and quality back to normal according to sources.**

**Strawberries: Market steady. Demand meets supply. Quality and volume improved. Blueberry market eases. Mexican imports on market declining. Florida finished. Georgia is past its peak and North Carolina is in full harvest. Blackberry market firms. Domestic quality and volume improving but still not meeting demand.**

**Citrus: Small sizes limited. Domestic Navels volume dropping on a firm market. California Valencia’s harvesting now. Demand exceeds supply on smaller sizes. Lemon quality is fairly good. Demand exceeds supply on all sizes. Market is higher. Limes quality fairly good. Demand better. Market steady. Supply now improving on larger sizes.**

**Grapes: Chilean storage imports finished. Volume and quality from Mexico finishing up. Red grape volume is tighter, but of good quality. Fresh white grapes coming from Mexico in good volume. Market easing on both.**

**Melons: Off-shore melons finishing fast and quality suffering. Desert / Mexican supplies started in a light way. Imported Cantaloupe volume/ quality improves with larger sizes now more readily available. Market and demand steady. Honeydews running mostly to 5-6ct. Quality and volume better with market steady. Demand down. Watermelon market steady on lighter supply and demand. Mexican crossings higher. Bin packs increase. Quality is fair. Demand adequate for supply. Mexican yields lower than expected. Southern California, Texas and the southern U.S. started. Blanca may affect harvest.**

**Stone Fruit: Domestic early crop started. Peach and Nectarine volume and size improving with prices moderate to lower and quality fairly good. Plum volume improved greatly.**

Vegetables

**Asparagus: Market higher on moderate volume of imported Mexican supplies. Quality good. Peruvian supply of good quality, tighter supply. Demand steady. Sizing is variable. Domestic crop available on a firm market.**

**Bell Peppers: Western green bell supply improved. Market higher. Colored bells market easing on open-field/green-house improved supply with quality and volume good from Southern Cal. Market eases in the east. Volume steady. Florida, Georgia harvesting good volume.**

**Broccoli: Mexican and domestic market steady on improved quality and steady volume. Demand decreasing.**

**Cabbage: Market steady to lower on improved quality, steady demand, good volume.**

**Carrots: Market eases on improving supply of J-bo / medium sizes. Demand steady. Quality remains good.**

**Cauliflower: Market firms. Demand steady on improved quality and tighter supply. Some discoloration present.**

**Celery: Domestic product of good quality. Market steady and volume is good.**

**Cucumbers: Western crossings/imports volume steady to lower with variable grades and firming market. Quality improves. Off-shore imports finished. Georgia finishing on the east coast. Quality good and volume tighter. Market higher.**

**Green Onions: Market flat. Demand lighter on improved supply from Mexican imports. Quality has improved. Domestic volume light.**

**Leaf Lettuce/ Iceberg: Leaf lettuce market steady. Demand steady. Quality fair. Romaine market steady on variable supplies and quality. Supply is moderating. Iceberg market firm to higher on tighter volume, steady demand. Quality on all lettuce fair due to lighter weights, rain, insect damage, misshapen heads and epidermal peel.**

**Onions: Domestic Yellow and Red Onion market is higher. Quality good. Sizing variable. Northwest storage crop finished. Mexican fresh yellow sweets and white onion are crossing in a light way. Texas, Southern Cal, New Mexico starting fresh crop. Market active. Central California harvest started.**

**Potatoes: Russet market and demand on 80ct and smaller steady. 60ct and larger market is higher as supply has tightened up. Demand exceeds supply especially with 40-50ct. Quality ranges from fair to good dependent upon shipping point. Crop is from storage for all areas. New crop harvest expected in late July to August timeframe. Florida packing red and whites now.**

**Squash: Southern California started. Mexican crossings market lower on Yellow with good volume and steady on Green with lower volume. Eastern suppliers; Markets for yellow, green squash low. Product of good quality as growing areas transition up the east coast. Volume good. Market steady.**

**Tomatoes: California desert and central valley harvest ongoing. Seasonal harvesting is ample with eastern Mexican imports. Markets steady and demand good with variable sizing and good quality. Central Florida finishing up. Market firms. Demand steady. Northern areas to start soon.**