



Reality Check

January 12, 2007

Please Distribute to:
Executive Chef
General Manager
Kitchen Manager
Purchasing Manager
F&B Manager

	QUALITY			PRICE			COMMENT
	H I G H	A V G R	P O O R	H I G H	A V G R	L O W	
VEGETABLE							
Asparagus		✓		✓			Mexico is really starting to pick up the harvest; the desert starts soon
Beans			✓	✓			Tough to find a really great Green Bean right now
Broccoli		✓		✓			A quick turnaround with cold temperatures in Arizona
Cabbage		✓		✓			Prices have been higher for Green and Red Cabbage
Cauliflower		✓		✓			A quick turnaround with cold temperatures in Arizona
Celery		✓		✓			Very cold temps will cause slower growth; expect smaller sizing
Cucumbers		✓			✓		Off-shore supplies in Florida have been hit-and-miss
Lettuce – Iceberg			✓	✓			A colder, longer freeze in Yuma has the potential for a huge impact
– Leaf			✓	✓			A colder, longer freeze in Yuma has the potential for a huge impact
– Romaine			✓	✓			A colder, longer freeze in Yuma has the potential for a huge impact
– Spring Mix			✓		✓		A colder, longer freeze in Yuma has the potential for a huge impact
Onions – Red		✓		✓			Extremely high prices, and will go even higher in February
Onions – Yellow		✓		✓			Extremely high prices, and will go even higher in February
Peppers – Green	✓					✓	Supplies and quality are improving in Florida and Mexico...finally
Peppers – Red		✓				✓	With better imports from Mexico, supplies are improving the price
Potatoes – Russet	✓					✓	Freezing temps in the Northwest makes it difficult to pack spuds
Squash – Yellow		✓		✓			Less acreage in Florida has meant fairly light supplies
Squash – Zucchini		✓		✓			Mexico is expecting to be in much better harvest by late-January
Tomato – Cherry	✓			✓			We're seeing good supplies from Florida, Baja and Mexico
– Grape	✓			✓			Good supplies from Florida; Baja still picking with Mexico starting up
– Mature Green		✓		✓			Mexico growers are expecting to be in peak harvest by late January
– Roma		✓		✓			Seeing better quality and supplies from Florida; Baja is ending harvest
– Vine-Ripe		✓		✓			Color is improving as Mexico kicks into harvest gear
FRUIT							
Avocado –Calif.	✓			✓			Each week, we are seeing better supplies; very good flavor right now
Avocado – Imports	✓					✓	Chile is near the end of their season; Mexican fruit available as well
Berries		✓		✓			Import supplies are here, Blueberries have most consistent supplies
Grapes	✓			✓			Plenty of Red and Green Seedless; peak of the season is February
Kiwifruit	✓					✓	Italian and California fruit available; both are ripening up very nicely
Lemons	✓			✓			A deep and long freeze normally impact Lemons the worst
Limes		✓		✓			Rains and cold in Mexico quickly affecting quality and supply
Melon –Cantaloupe			✓	✓			We've noticed lighter Guatemalan supplies, even though they cut well
Melon – Honeydew			✓	✓			Some Central American grower just don't have nay product right now
Melon– Watermelon		✓				✓	Seeing much tighter supplies, especially for Seedless
Oranges	✓			✓			The big freeze has the potential of causing tremendous damage
Pineapple		✓		✓			Cool, wet, overcast weather has slowed production; green shell color
Strawberries	✓			✓			Florida is doing well with quality and supplies; CA fields hit with cold
OTHER							
The Big Chill							Record cold temps in California and Arizona will disrupt supplies

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