



GRAPES – Here is a brief update on the Mexico/California early Table Grape season. Projected start dates are a few days later this year than last. During the off season the weather was more consistent and had good dormancy hours which is the reason for a better volume crop and hopefully good quality. There are a few Green Grapes from Jalisco now and quality is good.

The volume estimates are anywhere from 20-22 million which is significantly higher than last year's 16.5 million. Red grape bunch counts are normal to above for most of the season. Green grapes seem normal. Perlettes and blacks are anybody's guess, and Red Globes are too early to tell. There should be better numbers from the newer varieties this year as well. We can include organic grapes along with the conventional grape timeframe. Please call for details.

Weather in the Coachella Valley is expected to be in the high 80's to 90's for the next couple weeks. The nights will stay cool in the 60's to low 70's. Southern Mexico will have similar weather as the Coachella Valley.

TREE FRUIT – The early stone fruit is expected to be the same as last year as far as quantity and quality. We are hearing that the middle to later plum crop might be a little light in some areas due to the weather during bloom time. We are starting to see some tree fruit out of Arvin and Kettleman but size is small and volume is low. We should see volume pick up starting next week. We are expecting a heavy cherry crop this year. Quality and condition are looking good so far.

MELONS – Arizona, Coachella and the Imperial Valley have experienced a cooler than average winter. This is causing later start dates this year. The fruit should be in good condition.

	<u>Shipper</u>	<u>Cantaloupe</u>	<u>Honeydew</u>	<u>Mix Melons</u>	<u>Watermelon</u>
<u>Brawley</u>	Sunterra	May 5			
	Five Crowns Mktg.	May 5-10	May 5-10		
<u>Holtville</u>	Pappas Produce Sales	June 1	June 1		
<u>Yuma</u>	Westside Produce	mid May			
	Robinson Farms			June 1	
	Savory Fresh			May 10-15	
	Pura Vida Farms	May 18			
	Legend	May 20			

	Fisher Ranch	May 13			
<u>Blythe</u>	Fisher Ranch	June 1	June 1		
<u>Maricopa</u>	Santa Rosa	May 5-6	May 10-12		
<u>Goodyear</u>	Del Monte	end of May	end of May		
<u>Bakersfield</u>	Dan Andrews Farms	end of June	end of June		end of June

As always, please feel free to call for more details. Thank you!

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