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Carrots : Some crop challenges on the field affecting jumbos. Light supply and potential shorts might occur for a couple of weeks. We can suggest adding table carrots to fulfill your orders. Georgia region was impacted with torrential rains from last hurricane. Crop damages occur and the impact will show around December.

Lemons & Oranges : Lemons: Lemons have been tight all summer from all regions. D3 shippers had hoped to begin harvesting within the next week, but heavy rains have delayed harvesting until the end of September. Chile, Argentina, and Mexico have been covering but are struggling to maintain a constant weekly supply. Overall supply is expected to be better going into October once D3 starts. If loading oranges out of Florida is feasible, import lemons can be shipped to Florida, allowing trucks to load both. This will require some planning, so keep in touch with your supplier. Oranges: Valencia 88's and smaller are very tight. Crop is expected to be done by now while Navels are delay until the first or second week of November due to weather. An eminent crop gap is occurring. There are some options out of FL or subbing with grapefruit might be wised to be considered.

Grapes : Hurricane Hilary devastated 20% of the remaining crops. This is affecting the overall supply expected to last until mid-November. As a result, we are on a strong market with light supply. Although it is too early to tell, this issue may complicate the domestic/import transition.

Pineapples : Pineapple continues to be extremely tight, particularly in 5ct and 6ct. Crownless pineapples have also tightened up. There are still 8ct pineapples available. The size curve is likely to shift again toward larger fruit this month. Advise to be flexible on sizing at time of loading.

Cilantro : Supplies are limited this week. Quality is reported as only fair. Market pricing has escalated. Supplies are now shipping out of Salinas Ca. and Santa Maria. Growers are reporting lower yields and fair quality. Growers are reporting market conditions to continue for a few weeks. (\$18.00 - \$19.00)

Tomatoes : Prices for 20lb & 25 lb Rounds & Roma Tomatoes are trending up this week. Prices for Grape and Cherry Tomatoes are trending down. Growers in Quincy are reporting damage from the last hurricane and that's going to impact the markets for the next 6 weeks. Production out of Mexico is low at this time of year. That will add to market tightness.

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Broccoli : Supplies are light this week. Demand for Broccoli continues to be strong . Supplies will be coming from Salinas Ca, and Santa Maria Ca. There are supplies available from Mexico. Growers are reporting lower yields due to summer defects such as brown bead and hollow core. Market pricing for Broccoli has increased and is expected to remain strong for a few weeks. (F.O.B pricing for this week \$19.00 - \$21.00).

Broccolini : Supplies will be light this week. Demand has definitely increased. We expect for supplies to be limited for a few weeks. Growers are reporting brown bead and flowering defects in Broccolini. Market pricing is higher. (F.O.B pricing for this week \$25.45 - \$27.75).

Cauliflower : Supplies are light this week. Demand for cauliflower has increased. Supplies will be coming from Salinas Ca, and Santa Maria Ca. There is product available from Mexico as well. We are expecting for supplies to be limited for next week. Summer defects and weather causing delays for product to mature are causing lower yields this week. Quality will be only reported as fair. (F.O.B pricing for this week \$19.60 - \$20.50).

Brussels Sprouts : Supplies continue to be light this week. Quality is reported as only fair. Demand for Brussel Sprouts is strong. Market pricing and contracts pricing is expected to remain escalated. Supplies will remain light causing markets to remain high and prices will continue to remain escalated. (F.O.B pricing for this week \$48.00 - \$50.00)

Green Onions : Supplies will be very limited for the next few weeks. Previous Hurricane caused some crop damage, the last few weeks the growing area suffered an extreme Heat Wave. Current supplies are coming from Mexico. Escalated markets are to continue for a few weeks. Expect fair quality only on the green onions for the next few weeks. (F.O.B pricing for this week \$35.00 - \$37.00)

Bell Peppers & Chili Peppers : Prices for Green Bell Peppers are trending up this week. Red and Yellow Bell Peppers are trending down. The Red and Yellow Bell Pepper market remains tight. Peppers are expected to be tight for the next 4 to 6 weeks. Hurricane Idalia impacted the Georgia crop just as it's starting production. Prices for Chili Peppers are trending slightly down this week, but the market is still escalated. Supplies are improving a bit out West, but prices are still escalated.. The Eastern market remains very tight.

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Berries : Prices for Strawberries are trending up this week. Growers are reporting tight supplies as Salinas and Watsonville's production comes down. Production out of Santa Maria is picking up but not enough to supplement the lower production out of Northern California. Prices for Blueberries are trending up this week. Supplies are getting tighter as production out of the Pacific Northwest comes down. Production out of Mexico is slowly increasing. Prices for Blackberries are trending down this week. Prices remain escalated as supplies remain tight. Production is coming out of Watsonville and Mexico. Growers are expecting the market to be tight for another couple weeks. Prices for Raspberries are trending up this week. Prices remain escalated as supplies remain tight. Production is coming out of Watsonville and Mexico. Growers are expecting the market to be tight for another couple weeks.

Asparagus : Due to El Niño weather conditions further exacerbated by recent hurricane and storms in the growing regions, asparagus demand still exceeds supply and sizes continue to run smaller than usual, continued higher pricing with limited volume on mostly large, XL, and jumbo, with shortages anticipated through January. Additionally french beans and green beans are both experiencing some quality issues due to rainy weather.

	U.S. On-Highway Diesel Fuel Prices*(dollars per gallon)			Change from	
	08/28/23	09/04/23	09/11/23	full history XLS	
				week ago	year ago
U.S.	4.475	4.492	4.540	▲ 0.048	▼ -0.493
East Coast (PADD1)	4.475	4.474	4.479	▲ 0.005	▼ -0.470
New England (PADD1A)	4.433	4.467	4.478	▲ 0.011	▼ -0.609
Central Atlantic (PADD1B)	4.616	4.625	4.651	▲ 0.026	▼ -0.483
Lower Atlantic (PADD1C)	4.429	4.419	4.417	▼ -0.002	▼ -0.448
Midwest (PADD2)	4.385	4.383	4.427	▲ 0.044	▼ -0.658
Gulf Coast (PADD3)	4.169	4.171	4.212	▲ 0.041	▼ -0.548
Rocky Mountain (PADD4)	4.658	4.727	4.810	▲ 0.083	▼ -0.151
West Coast (PADD5)	5.302	5.390	5.535	▲ 0.145	▼ -0.123
West Coast less California	4.973	5.028	5.153	▲ 0.125	▼ -0.064
California	5.678	5.801	5.970	▲ 0.169	▼ -0.194

**prices include all taxes*