

## Produce & Dairy Market Report

## **Text Service**

We have a text message service that will notify you of BELOW price sheets specials and limited time deals.

These texts come out 1-2 times per week and offer blowout sales on both seafood and produce.

Thank you!

## Produce / Dairy

BEANS - Crate beans will be higher with light volume. Weather is playing a major role in the supple and quality. This could last thru the New Year.

CUCMBERS - Cucumbers are lower as volume in both the Carolina and Georgia has started. Quality is improving.

EGGPLANT - Eggplant is higher as the currently has ended the Mid Atlantic crop early and Georgia will not have volume until next week.

PEPPERS - Chili pepper are steady. Mexico will be starting it fall crop soon so pricing and quality should improve. Green pepper are steady but sizing will become an issue in the northern states. Georgia will start Monday but not have volume until next week. 11# peppers are steady. Bushel and 15lb red pepper are steady.

CELERY - Prices have declined over the last three days. The warmer weather, especially the above normal night time temperatures have pushed the growing process a little faster than forecasted. There are some aggressive prices coming out of both Santa Maria and Salinas. Some Pith and insect pressure have been seen but most product looks nice out of both locations.

CAULIFLOWER - Prices have stabilized and will remain at current levels for this week. Quality coming out of both Santa Maria and Salinas is good. The product that was showing some quality issues from the warmer weather a couple of weeks ago is now history and the new fields are showing nice white domes with dark green jackets and no brown spotting.

BUTTER - We are at an all time record high prices as of yesterday and we do not think we are done! Only 6 loads have changed hands this week and basically no one is offering loads for sale. It seems that there just is not enough bulk butter available for manufacturers for the 4th quarter. That is the item that is traded at the CME.

CREAM AND CREAM CHEESE - These items follow butter but lag behind. Cream rose slightly, but will skyrocket for November. We are lagging behind on cream cheese but we will see double digit increases next week.

TOMATOES - Tomatoes - 5x6 6x6 - Steady - small fruit is 2.00 higher than big fruit product out of VA, Grape Tomatoes down 2.00 Cherry tomatoes up 2.00 product out of MD, Romas down 3.00 product out of VA/Mex, Clusters and Beefstakes steady product out of Canada, Crimson Steady product out of NC layers steady.