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Asparagus: Obregon/Southern Baja production has improved, as has sizing. Peruvian weather has started to turn cooler which has started to slow production. Washington, Michigan and Canadian production continue to increase this week. All markets are very heavy on standard size asparagus. Markets have slowed down due to the Peruvian vessel delay and the Memorial Day holiday next week. White asparagus continues to be very limited to non-existent from Peru, likely until July.

Guatemala outlook: Temperatures continue to be warm. Some regions, particularly where French beans are grown, have started to see some rain.

Baby Squash: Baby zucchini production from Guatemala is back to normal.

Berries: Blackberries - Production is steady, but market continues to be sluggish. **Blueberries** - Georgia continues with excellent production. Markets remain slow. **Raspberries** - Mexican and Guatemalan production continues to be limited.

Carrots: Baby Orange production is excellent. **Baby Rainbow** and **Baby Bi-Color** production has decreased due to the lack of rain.

Chilies: Production is still slow due to weather. Prices continue to be elevated on most varieties. **Orange habanero** production is excellent.

French Beans: Production has slowed down due to rain in the Guatemalan growing regions. This may also affect quality and shelf life.

Green Beans: Production is has slowed down due to the transition to Georgia.

Herbs: Basil quality continues to improve. We are still seeing few quality issues with dill and oregano, although we have seen improvement. **Chervil** production is normal.

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Mango: Mexican production is steady. Guatemala and Nicaragua production is wrapping up due to seasonality.

Papaya: Production is normal from Brazil.

Potatoes: Good production on all varieties, except purple fingerlings. This will affect supply of mixed fingerlings.

Radicchio: Both West coast and Guatemalan supply are back to normal. Markets have leveled off. Quality is still fair at best from all regions.

Roots: Mexican production is normal.

Snow Peas/Sugar Snaps: Guatemala production of **snow peas** remains very low due to the heat and lack of rain. **Sugar snap** production is back to normal. Markets are still very active on **snow peas**.

Other: Heirloom tomatoes, baby heirloom tomatoes, veggie sweet peppers, Euro cucumbers and Persian cucumbers production is steady with excellent quality. **Chinese Eggplant** production is also steady. Argentinean **lemons**, Mexican & Guatemalan **broccoli florets** & **brussel sprouts** and domestic **mache** continue to be available in Miami. Domestic **Stone fruit** is readily available, consisting of **Peaches**, **Nectarines** and **Apricots**. **Gold Kiwi** from New Zealand is currently available with good supply. Small sizing on **Lemons** is currently very short due to seasonality. **Yellow watermelon** supply is improving.