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Asparagus: Asparagus production has started to slow down due to pricing the last five weeks and seasonality in Mexico. Markets have become more active with less production and because of Easter ads/demand. White asparagus will be very limited from Peru until mid-June due to seasonality and shed maintenance.

Guatemala outlook: Temperatures have started to warmup and production has improved. Next week will be a short week due to the Easter holiday, so we likely won't see better supply until after Easter.

Baby Squash: Baby zucchini production is still low due to weather.

Berries: Blackberries - Production has improved this week, but still below average. **Blueberries** - Peru and Chile are almost done due to seasonality. Florida has started with low production, but rain will slow production into next week. Markets are more active with less imported fruit. **Raspberries** - Mexican production continues to be low. Guatemalan production is very limited.

Carrots: Supply of Baby Orange and Baby Rainbow Carrots remains unchanged. Baby Bi-Color Carrots production is improving as weather improves.

Chilies: Production has slowed down due to weather. Prices have increased significantly, particularly with shishito peppers.

French Beans: Production is improving from Guatemala, but not quite back to normal yet.

Green Beans: Production continues to improve, but quality might be an issue next week with expected rain in Florida.

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Herbs: Overall quality is good, except for basil, dill and oregano. Rain continues to affect supply and quality. Chervil production is still slow due to weather in Ecuador.

Mango: Production has begun out of Mexico, Costa Rica and Nicaragua. Peru is limited.

Papaya: Production is back to normal from Brazil. Potatoes: Good production on all varieties.

Radicchio: Both West coast and Guatemalan supply is down due to cold weather. Markets will be elevated. Product from Italy is available.

Roots: Beet production from Canada has slowed down due to seasonality. Mexican production is normal.

Snow Peas/Sugar Snaps: Guatemala production is excellent on snow peas and improving on sugar snaps. Production should improve further after Easter.

Other: Heirloom tomatoes, veggie sweet peppers, Euro cucumbers and Persian cucumbers production continues to improve. Baby heirloom tomatoes supply is improving as well. Chinese Eggplant production remains unchanged from Honduras. Colombian limes, Mexican lemons, Ecuadorian dragon fruit and Mexican brussel sprouts continue to be available in Miami. Supply continues to be plentiful on Blood Oranges, Meyer Lemons, Kumquats, Cara Cara oranges, mandarins, tangos and murcotts. Several varieties of stone fruit are available from Chile, including lemon plums. Peacharines continue to be available out of New Zealand. Feijoas out of New Zealand are expected to be available first week of April. Strawberries continue to be more available as production continues to improve.