

Market Update

We would like to give you an update after the recent extreme heat and intense storms which have affected many growing regions.

South Australia and Victoria have experienced severe heat as some growing regions have achieved record temperatures where the mercury has exceeded 50 degrees Celsius.

In combination with the extreme heat, last week's strong wind force intensified the effect of the heat in Victoria. This was then followed up with heavy rainfall and hail which destroyed some crops completely.

As a result, the market will be affected in supply and in product quality.

Monsoon conditions and heavy rainfall in North Queensland has cut road transport to Innisfail and Tully. And fruit (Bananas) cannot be harvested until ground conditions improve.

In addition to this, revised Quarantine Regulations at the Melbourne Marker are affecting the fumigation process of fruit fly host products and are causing loads from the market to miss the boat sailings to Tasmania.

These delays are resulting in fruit being held over for the next day's sailing which is creating many out-of-stocks.

These new regulations also require all fruit fly host products to be monitored and the temperature verified by Biosecurity Victoria before fumigation can proceed.

Apples/Pears

Over the last few weeks we have started to see some new season fruit around. Mainland William pears, Royal Gala and Ginger Gold apples are now all new season fruit. Pink Lady still 3- 4 weeks away for their new season starting.

Tasmanian apples (Acane) will start late this week with 1.5kg bags coming through soon after.

Apricots

Australian fruit has finished and the stock will be from New Zealand. Fruit is large and quality is good. Please change your Country of Origin labels accordingly.

Avocados

WA Hass are finishing and Shepard smooth skin variety are starting. Normally the Shepard season only runs for a couple of months until we revert back to Hass.

Tasmanian grown Hass Avocados are available in 10kg boxes. This fruit is not graded or packed in trays and is sold by the kilogram.

Bananas

Bananas are becoming difficult to source due to extreme rain in Townsville and FNQ growing regions. The fruit has increased in price and will continue to rise until supply improves.

Cantaloupes

Mainly larger sizes are available at the moment. Fruit is of good quality.

Cherries

Cherries are now finished.

Grapes

Menindee is still available however, Thompson's Seedless has started this week.

Grapefruit

Fruit available is from USA, Egypt or Israel. Please change your Country of Origin labels accordingly.

Lemons

Like Bananas, lemons have been affected by the heavy rain in North Queensland. USA / Egyptian fruit is available in the meantime. Prices will remain very strong until

the Queensland fruit starts to come on again. Please change your Country of Origin labels accordingly.

Mandarins

Afourer variety from USA, Egypt or Israel is currently available. Australian Mandarins not available. Please change your Country of Origin labels accordingly.

Oranges

Australian Valencia is available. Navel variety from USA, Egypt or Israel is currently available. Please change your Country of Origin labels accordingly.

Asparagus

Mexican imported stock is currently in the market.

Beans, Broccoli, Cabbages, Cauliflowers, Capsicums, Carrots, Lettuce, Mesclun, Mushrooms, Onions, Potatoes.

All Tasmanian grown.

Tomatoes

Both Mainland and Tasmanian fruit available.