


## MARKET UPDATE March 2 2020

### NEWS FLASH!




Due to the recent heavy deluge rain in QLD/NSW and in northern Victoria, the next two weeks will be a very big challenge across the board, with various lines of produce affected.

Avocados - Hass variety will be finished this week moving onto the shepard (smooth skin, taste and colour lighter, hard to peel).

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The humidity will start to affect the following produce in yield and quality:

Spinach bunches  
Rocket bunches  
Chervil  
Sliverbeet - expensive  
Iceberg and cos lettuce - expensive, and yield is way down  
Hydroponic lettuce - small and inconsistent in size



There will be more produce lines that will be affected in the coming weeks.


All Chinese greens have all been affected by the heavy rainfall in NSW and VIC. Warning: prices have escalated, yield is way down and quality has been severely affected.

Local heirloom carrots (yellow, white, purple and orange also affected, with smaller sized produce; leaves are damaged but in extremely short supply).

Oranges: supplies will start becoming an issue very shortly due to combined drought and severe heat related issues. Trees are weak through minimal water supply and the intense, consistent heat of December and January. This has resulted in fruit actually falling off, and not ready for use.

There has become an increased demand for oranges, especially from large juice companies. This is slowly pushing up the cost, and putting pressure on supply. We are acquiring fruit, and are carrying stock at the moment. Will keep you informed constantly.

### Something different



**FRUIT:** Persimmons, rival apricot (SA), apricots (from TAS, great flavour), pomelos (imported), custard apples, mangosteen, rambutan, golden grapes, queen peaches, blood and sugar plums, fig leaf, prickly pears, yellow dragon fruit, honeycomb (half frames), kiwi berries, pomegranate

**VEGETABLES:** Pine mushroom (contact your account manager), tomatillo, green tomato, okra, yellow zucchini, lemon myrtle, Lebanese zucchini, kale (baby punnets), spaghetti squash, medley of zucchini pollen powder, green and purple cauli (limited) and cauli blossom

All organic blue and red corn, red pumpkin kuri, cucumber and sweet potato flower, hops, tarragon, Mexican red vein dandelion (contact your account manager re this product).

## Hard to find, scarce

Green mango (Nth QLD), kaffir limes (loose), betel leaf, micro beetroot, all Asian greens, oyster, portobellos, and shemji mushrooms, daikon radish, baby gold beets, black Russian and Kumato tomatoes)

## Expensive

**FRUIT:** Apples (granny smith and red delicious - new season apples due in March/April), marsh grapefruit (yellow), Italian kiwi fruit, lemons (local), green paw paw, topless pineapple, bananas

**VEGETABLES:** Sweet potatoes (expensive), green beans (still expensive, prices are coming down using handpicked from Victoria), green and red capsicums (expensive), ginger, red bullhorn (NZ), celeriac (very short supply and small produce local, very expensive), all Chinese vegetable, white whitlof, kumara/sweet potato (supply improving), sugar snap, pumpkin (peeled, Japanese, QLD blue - very expensive, all varieties), continental beans, iceberg and cos lettuce, daikon, red jalapeno, jimica, kalamata olives, habenero chilli, salad tomatoes, Roma tomatoes and all varieties of tomatoes (best sub large truss), peeled and Chinese garlic expensive due to Coronavirus



## Finished/finishing for season

**FRUIT:** Cherry (TAS, at their peak, grab them now, last week), red delicious are not available this week - gala apples are best substitute, pink berries, dried muscatel (substitute with sultana grapes), blood oranges, blood apricots, KP mangoes done - Keiths are in, but not amazing.

**VEGETABLES:** Jerusalem artichoke, white, purple and baby asparagus, red Dutch carrots, garlic (fresh and flower), stinging nettles, red witlof, gourds, all globe artichokes, chokos, white eggplant, celtuce, parsley root, yellow butter beans



## Our buyer's BEST for the week

**FRUIT:** Blueberries, honeydew, green pears, figs black, rockmelon, limes, watermelon, red papaya, and nectarines (yellow and white), and peaches (great taste and value), red VIC flame grapes.

**VEGETABLES:** Long green and red chilli, shallots, zucchini, parsnip, golf and truss tomatoes, beetroot large, green cabbage, savoy cabbage (SA), celery, chat potato, peas in 5kg cartons, WA Brussels sprouts, local corn, button mushrooms.

## PETIT BOUCHE

Please ensure your petit bouche orders are placed MONDAY TO FRIDAY as stock on SATURDAYS is scarce and cannot be guaranteed due to NO market supply on SATURDAYS.

## HERBS

Lemon verbena, balm, and apple mint NA this week. Pandan leaf in short supply, thyme bunches (large, from VIC). Purple basil NA, betel leaf yield down, oregano in short supply and poor quality due to humidity.

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