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### WORKING TOGETHER TO STRETCH YOUR PRODUCE DOLLARS FOR THE WEEK OF 7/24/02 – 7/30/02

**FRESH FRUIT:** Melons: Cantaloupe supplies are improving. We are starting to receive more melons from the Westside district. The quality is very nice and prices are dropping. Honeydew melons remain unchanged. Honeydew quality has been very good. They cut and eat great! Orange honeydew, Casaba, Crenshaw and Canary melons are leading the way in the mixed melon market. Most are priced very reasonably. Green and red seedless grapes are still reasonable. Washington cherries are fading away. Supplies are lower and prices are holding. Large pie type peaches and large nectarines are a hit in the soft fruit department. We are also receiving some nice white nectarines. Plums look good this week and are reasonably priced. Apricots from California are winding down. Washington will start harvesting apricots soon. Elegant Lady peaches are in full swing. These large juicy peaches have been the best we have seen in years. Valencia orange supplies are dropping off. This year's crop is slightly lower than the last few years. Look for higher orange prices for the remainder of the Valencia season. Lemons continue to climb in price. Strawberry prices are climbing; heat has started to affect the size of most berries. Stem strawberries are very scarce. Berry sizes have dropped so much that most shippers have curtailed harvesting stems. Raspberries are gapping between their first and second harvest. Heritage variety of raspberries will start around the 1<sup>st</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> week of August. Heritage raspberries are larger and supplies are better. Blueberry supplies are lower this week as retailers run more ads and take over local supplies.

**FRESH VEGETABLES:** Bunch broccoli prices rose last week, but lower demand is pushing prices back to previous lows. Broccoli crown prices show some weakness also. Both are reasonable. Cauliflower prices are down slightly from last week. Mexico and California asparagus supplies are lower this week and prices are climbing slightly. Carrot prices are down slightly as California Kern district has increased harvesting. White and yellow sweet corn prices are down slightly. Cucumber prices are very cheap, a great buy! Eggplant prices are lower this week; another good buy! Green and red cabbage prices are lower. Celery prices are still inexpensive. Iceberg lettuce prices remain cheap. Mixed leaf lettuces are showing problems from the heat wave the growing areas received three weeks ago. Supplies of Green Leaf, Butter, Red Leaf and Spinach are gapping. This will push prices up slightly. Green bell prices are moving up. Supplies are off and local demand has improved. Red and yellow bells prices remain high. Local Blue Lake beans have started. The quality of these beans has been very good, small and tender. Snow peas are still reasonable. Cilantro supplies are still limited, but cilantro prices show some weakness. We expect cilantro prices to drop soon. Walla Walla onions are still available. New crop Huron jumbo brown onions are available; prices are lower. Red onion prices are down slightly.

*SPECIALTY ITEMS*

<i>Pepino melons</i>	<i>\$16.90</i>
<i>Fresh Horseradish Root</i>	<i>\$1.40/lb</i>
<i>Fresh Yellow Wax Beans 10#</i>	<i>\$17.90</i>
<i>Red Sweet 100's Cherry Tomato</i>	<i>\$18.50</i>

### WEEKLY SPECIALS 7/24 - 7/30

<b>Med./Lrg. 25# Loose Tomatoes</b>	<b>\$8.00</b>	<b>Large 12ct Cantaloupe</b>	<b>\$9.00all</b>
<b>Large 40/42 ct Nectarines</b>	<b>\$13.50</b>	<b>Large Fresh Mangos 10ct</b>	<b>\$5.75</b>