

NEW & NOTABLE



SOAPBERRY OUTLOOK

The weather is beginning to turn and the Mexican soapberry season is on the horizon. **Lychee** is expected to start in about a month, likely the first week of May. **Rambutan**, on the other hand, is anticipated by the end of May. On an un-related soapberry note, **mangosteen** is expected the first week of June. Contact Sales for updates in arrivals.



INCOMING: RAMPS

The Spring foraged season is underway! Last week, we saw **fiddlehead ferns** and **stinging nettles** get their start. This week we anticipate limited supplies of **ramps** to make their way to our coolers. Ramps (AKA wild leeks) are one of the most popular foraged varieties for the spring — contact Sales to pre-book product! **Morels** are about a month or so out.



CHILE PEPPER UPDATE

It hasn't been a good time for chile peppers lately. A disease impacted crops back in February, which caused supplies of **cubanelles**, **Hungarian hots**, **shishito**, **jalapeno**, **long hots**, and more to become limited. The market is expected to remain high for these varieties for the next 3 weeks, before slowly falling and availability improving.

MARKET UPDATES

Availability is not guaranteed. We work hard to provide the most accurate possible information, but this is produce and circumstances may change quickly. Contact sales to confirm current availability.

NEW/BACK IN

- Crispy Green Leaf (PA)
- Fiddlehead Ferns
- Mingolo Mango
- Moroccan Citrus — Clementine & Nadorcott Mandarins
- Stinging Nettles
- Sunset Mango
- Tatum Squash
- 'Wonderful' Pomegranate (Peru)

PEAK SEASON

- California Citrus — Cara Cara Orange, Meyer Lemon, Moro Blood Orange, Navel Orange, Star Ruby Grapefruit,
- Cardoon (CA)
- Garbanzo Bean (Mexico)
- Starfruit (Mexico)
- Ugli Fruit (Jamaica)

TIGHT

- Castelfranco Radicchio
- English Pea
- French Beans
- Green Asparagus
- Herbs — Basil, Sorrel, Tarragon
- Tomatoes — Grape & Cherry
- Yellow Plantains

FINISHED

- Brazil Melons — Arara, Canary, Cantaloupe, Mini Watermelon, Piel de Sapo
- Red Currants (Chile)
- 'Rojo Brillante' Persimmon (Spain)
- 'Wonderful' Pomegranate (Israel)

GAPPING

- Finger Limes (CA)

MAJOR MARKET ALERTS

AVOCADOS: Keep your eye on the market for Mexican hass avocados. Workers stopped picking due to the holy week, which typically causes the market to rise.

CHINESE EGGPLANT: The market for Chinese eggplant is up slightly.

HERBS: Mediterranean herbs continue to be tight due to the conflict in the Middle East. Israeli basil, along with tarragon, are unavailable to begin the week.

MEXICAN PRODUCT: Markets for product out of Mexico, such as jalapeno, plum tomato, and serrano, are high due to rising freight cost.

PERSIAN LIMES: The market for Persian limes out of Mexico remains high.

POMEGRANATE: Limited volumes of Peruvian 'Wonderful' pomegranates have been available since the Israeli season wrapped. Availability across sizes is expected to improve next week. We expect more smaller fruit, like 9, 10, and 12 counts, to be in better supply.

SHISHITO: The market has eased slightly for shishito peppers.



UPCOMING OCCASIONS

HAPPY EASTER

As a reminder, our PWPM Market Store re-opens **TODAY at 8 AM**. Please bear with our team as they work to restock coolers after the long holiday weekend.



PASSOVER

APRIL 1 - APRIL 9
Passover is in full swing. We are wishing everyone who celebrates a wonderful passover.



NATIONAL GARLIC MONTH

April is National Garlic Month. Check out all there is to offer in this category:

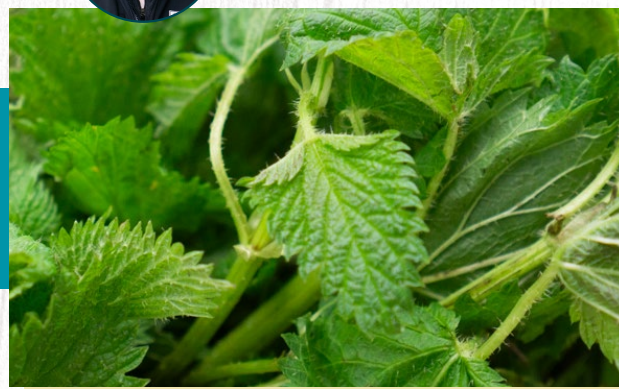
FAST FACTS with Todd K.



STINGING NETTLES

TODD'S TOP TIP

Always be careful handling nettles so they don't 'sting' you. Be sure to blanch them before eating.



Did You Know? | Nettles have thin hairs called 'trichomes,' which give the plant its 'sting' when handled with bare hands.