

# FRESH LINK MARKET REPORTS

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## Table Grape Market Report

Week of September 22 – September 28

Last week's rain in the Central San Joaquin Valley is going to influence how the rest of the grape season plays out. Some growers managed to cover their vineyards, but a good amount of fruit still got exposed. It'll probably take another week before we know the full impact, as most are holding off on harvest until fruit dries and spray programs are worked through. The short pause in picking isn't all bad since cold storages are packed. There are over 4 million more boxes on hand compared to this time last year. Space is tight, especially for growers who wanted to hold back fruit for later in the season. Even with the weather, the market isn't expected to jump right away because supplies are still heavy, and promotions are rolling.

Reds like Scarlets, Allisons, and Timco are filling most of the storage rooms. Prices are holding steady between \$18.95 and \$22.95, with most sales around \$20.95. Reds are more sensitive to rain, so humidity will be something to watch over the next week, and weaker fruit will likely get dropped.

Greens are in a slightly different spot, there aren't as many in storage, so the market already felt like it was ready to move up before the rain. Autumn Kings are selling in the \$20.95–\$24.95 range, mostly around \$22.95. Older varieties like Ivory and Great Green are discounted, while Autumn Crisp continues to pull a premium above \$30.00. The first storage report coming out next week should give a clearer picture, but for now it looks like reds will stay steady while greens could see a bit more strength.

## Citrus

California Valencia season is starting to wind down as growers get ready to harvest Navels. Any Valencia's left in inventories are primarily 72s and larger with some growers having 88s still available. Grade and quality is not stellar with quite a bit of skin defect and some stem end age. D3 Lemons have started in a small way with an expectation to ramp up in the next few weeks.