

# FRESH LINK MARKET REPORTS

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## **Bell Peppers-**

The bell pepper market has gained a bit of strength in recent days due primarily to weather conditions in Florida. Several days of rain and cold has decreased production. However, the Nogales market has remained fairly weak, preventing Eastern prices from increasing too much. Additionally, demand has been off slightly for the last week or so and this will continue to keep markets down. Quality has been excellent.

## **Cucumbers –**

Cucumbers continue to come through the ports from Honduras at a fairly consistent rate, keeping the market steady overall. No changes are expected in the coming days. Quality is good.

## **Eggplant –**

Volume on eggplants out of Florida has begun to decline as the weather cools. Mexico's lower markets have kept the price low and demand weak. We have just begun to see this turn a corner today as Florida temperatures get even colder, restricting production. Expect pricing to jump a bit next week and possibly even some quality issues to arise given the recent rains.

## **Squash-**

Squash markets become very active as extreme cold has diminished supply in both Florida and Nogales. Recent rains as well have kept crews out of the fields to pick. Market should remain strong heading into next week.

## **Corn-**

Corn is in decent supply and struggling to stay cheap and in line with Mexican prices. Colder temperatures in Florida has certainly slowed production on the stalks but still pricing is on the lower side in an effort to pull business Eastward.

