

FRESH LINK MARKET REPORTS

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Bell Peppers-

Georgia and the Carolina's extreme temperatures have caused growers to pull the plug. That, coupled with California's struggles as they transition growing areas, has led to a demand exceeds supply nationwide. Pepper in the East, when you can find it, is in the low to mid \$30 range with no relief coming for another 7-10 days. NJ and Ohio will start in a very small way next week but it will take some time to fill a very empty pipeline.

Cucumbers –

Georgia and the Carolina's have all finished up their cucumber deals a bit early due to the heat. All the northernmost regions have started but the heat and rain have taken a decent chunk out of that supply. This has caused a spike in the market. With more rain moving in from Hurricane Beryl, we could see this market continue upwards along with quality issues.

Eggplant –

Norht Carolina is still going strong with Eggplant and the other growing regions should come on line in another week or two. Despite limited volume out there, summertime demand for eggplant is so weak that the market is remaining low.

Squash-

Squash is available in all growing regions and there is a supply exceeding demand situation currently in play. However, Ohio, Michigan and NY/NJ are getting ready to experience a decent hit of rain off of Hurricane Beryl right alongside many growers moving into a newer set of squash plantings. This combination could drive the market upwards mid next week.

Corn-

Georgia corn has for all practical purposes finished for the season. All other regions are struggling with supply as the extreme temperatures have all but fried the new fields that were getting ready to come on. Things should settle over the next several days.

