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The Fruit and Vegetable Market News Portal: From Market Reports to Market Information

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#### The Fruit and Vegetable Market News Portal:

# FROM MARKET REPORTS TO MARKET INFORMATION

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### **Market News**

#### **Mission**

To provide accurate, timely and unbiased information on current market conditions

## Market News - Background

- First Market News report issued March 1915 in Hammond, LA
- In early years, primary focus was on printed reports which were mailed, and later faxed
- Dissemination was supplemented with recorder and radio reports
- As Internet became available, text and PDF reports became available electronically

## Market News - Reports

Provided by: Fruit and Vegetable Market News Federal - State Market News Service, USDA.

NEW YORK Terminal Prices as of 07-FEB-2008

#### **VEGETABLES**

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---ASPARAGUS: MARKET LOWER. pyramid cartons 36.00-38.00 some 40.00 std 36.00-38.00 some 4 26.00 few higher 11 lb cartons bunched MX Gre 16.00-18.00 std 16.00-18.00 few higher PE AII few 14.00 ord cond 4.00-6.00 lge fr cond 10.0 4.00-6.00 occas higher std fr cond 10.00-12.0 occas higher White 20.00-22.00 fr appear 18.0 ---BEANS: OFFERINGS LIGHT. bushel crates FI 38.00 fr appear 35.00-36.00 holdovers 30.00 1 44.00-45.00 bushel cartons FL Round Green Typ Round Green Type 38.00-40.00 few 42.00 5 lb of Type) 16.00-18.00 fr appear 15.00 occas lower 18.00-20.00

---BEETS: MARKET ABOUT STEADY. cartons/crat occas higher 25 lb sacks loose CD Ontario med med-lge 6.00-8.00 mostly 6.00-7.00

---BROCCOLI: MARKET ABOUT STEADY. cartons A higher fr appear 12.00 occas higher bchd 18s bchd 18s 35.00 20 lb cartons loose AZ/CA Crow occas lower



Market News

### Market News Text Reports - Fruit & Vegetable

Subscribe to E-mail Delivery of Market News Reports



Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Please Note: Several new Text Report features were recently added as part of a continuous effort to improve our service to you. These enhancements include modifications that allow segregated display of organic and greenhouse market information on text reports. For example, terminal market reports now show organic information separately from non organic information. Shipping point (fob) reports show organic information at the end of each commodity. Both types of reports show greenhouse information after non-greenhouse items so that this type of information can be located more easily. For movement reports, information for the commodity. Tomatices (Freenhouse) is now shown with "Tomatices".

#### Fruit & Vegetable Market Reports

- U.S. Wholesale (Terminal) Market Price Reports
- International Wholesale (Terminal) Market Price Reports
- . Shipping Point Price and Supply Reports
- · National Rail Shipments (Movement) by Car and Van Count
- National Rail Shipments (Movement) by Weight
- National Truck Shipments and Imports (Movement) by Package Count
- · National Truck Shipments and Imports (Movement) by Weight
- Weekly Shipments (Movement) All Commodities (100,000 lb units)
- . Weekly Shipments (Movement) by Commodity
- National Shipping Point Trends
- National Truck Rate Report

#### **Ornamental Crops Market Reports**

- . Wholesale Cut Flower Price Reports
- Shipping Point Cut Flower Price Reports
- Cut Flower Import and Shipment (Movement) Reports
- Ornamental Shipping Point Trends Report

#### Specialty Reports

- Peanut Reports
- . Wholesale (Terminal) Market Nut Reports
- Pecan Report

## Market News - Reports

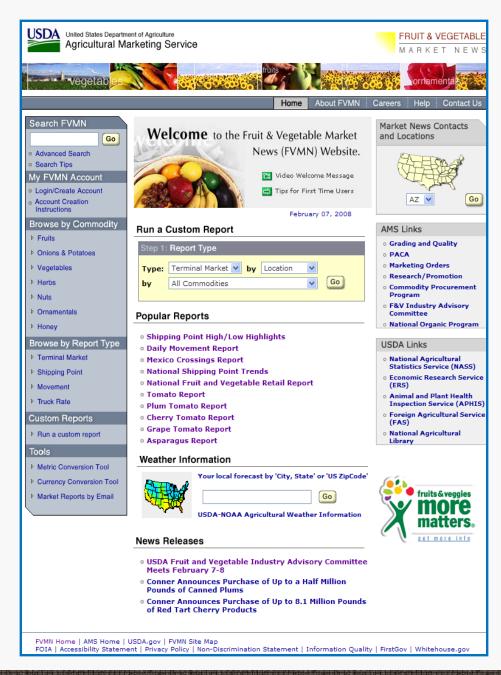
- Advantages of text and PDF reports:
  - Good overview of all information
  - Compact, easily printed
- Disadvantages of text and PDF reports
  - Unstructured, static data that cannot be searched
  - Specific information not easily identifiable in text reports
  - Today's report replaces yesterday's limited historical reports available
  - Customer requests for customized sets of historical data – required staff and delivery time

## Why a Portal?

- Provides customers with real-time, webbased access to daily and historical information
- Since 1998, about 24 million price records for terminal markets alone – provides access to all
- Allow users to create and save customized views of data

## Why a Portal?

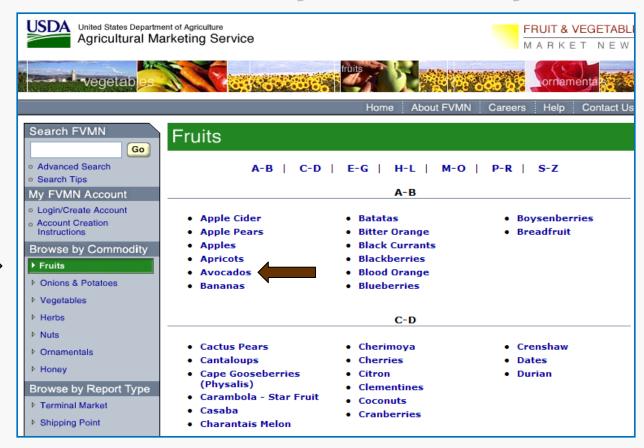
- Data can be segregated for multiple combinations, like organics, greenhouse, season, origin, etc.
- Customers can download information in multiple formats: Excel, XML, plain text, and PDF
- By registering, users can set up a customized FVMN Portal home page



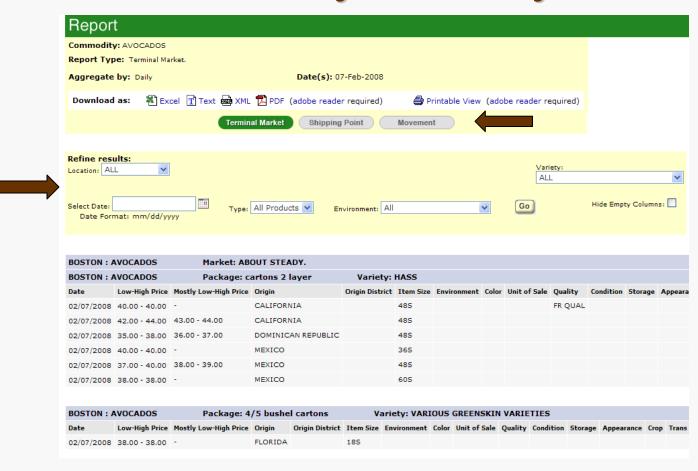
## Fruit and Vegetable Market News Portal

#### **General Features**

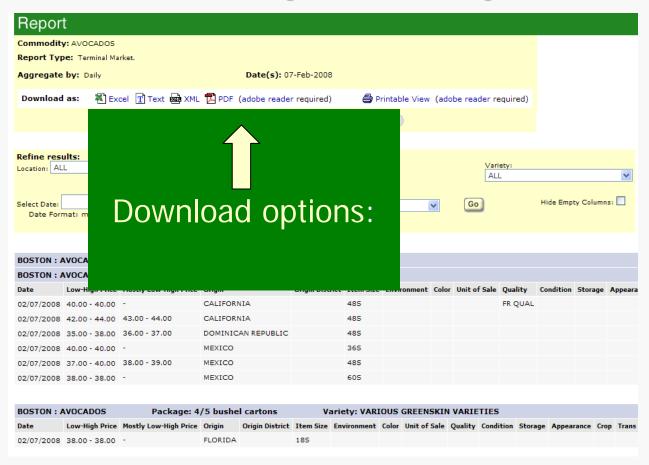
- Browse By Commodity
- Browse By Report Type
- Custom Reports
- Popular Reports
- Other key features



- Navigate by commodity group, then commodity
- First stop for FVMN Portal newcomer
- Best way to explore a commodity



- Toggle between Market, Shipping Point and Movement
- Refine on any date, location, variety



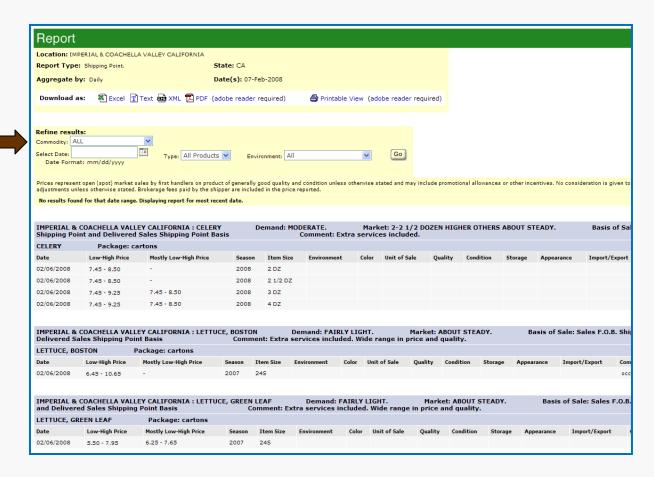
- Download to Excel, Text, XML or PDF
- In Excel, use additional filters and tools

TOMATOES	MEXICO CROSSINGS THROUGH NOGALES, ARIZONA		flats 1 layer	VINE RIPES	1/26/2008	6.95	8.95	2007	39s	Grnhse Incl Hydroponic
TOMATOES	MEXICO CROSSINGS THROUGH NOGALES, ARIZONA		flats 1 layer	VINE RIPES	1/26/2008	4.95	6.95	2007	45s	Grnhse Incl Hydroponic
TOMATOES	MEXICO CROSSINGS THROUGH NOGALES, ARIZONA	Organic	15 lb cartons	VINE RIPES	12/15/2007	24.45	25.00	2007	32s	Greenhouse
TOMATOES	MEXICO CROSSINGS THROUGH NOGALES, ARIZONA	Organic	15 lb cartons	VINE RIPES	12/15/2007	24.45	25.00	2007	35s	Greenhouse
TOMATOES	MEXICO CROSSINGS THROUGH NOGALES, ARIZONA	Organic	15 lb cartons	VINE RIPES	12/22/2007	24.45	26.95	2007	32s	Greenhouse

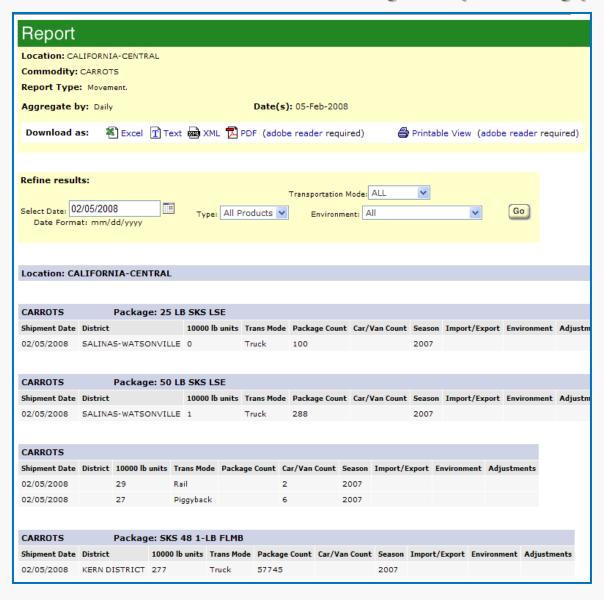
Sample downloaded query – Excel format



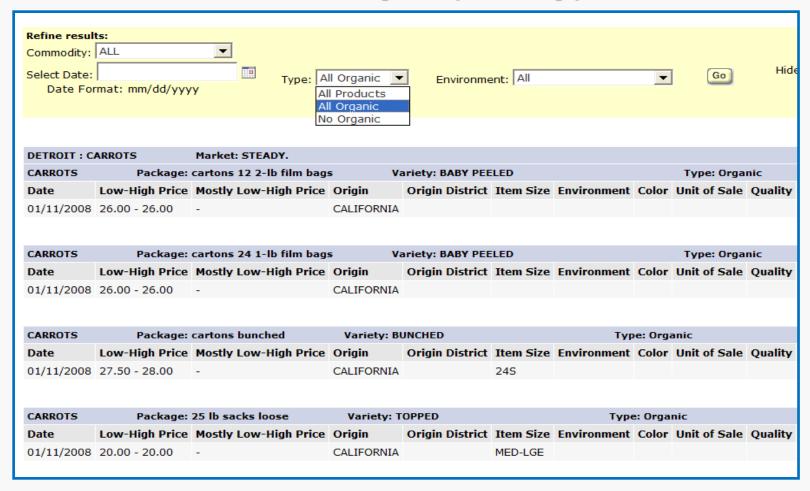
- Select Terminal Market, Shipping Point, or Movement
- Select location click on link or anywhere on map
- Best way to explore a specific area



- All information for the selected area is displayed
- Refine to specific location or date



- Sample Movement report
- Refined to specific location and date
- Additional refinement available



New!

Recently added refine options for organic and environment (primarily greenhouse)

#### **Advanced Features**

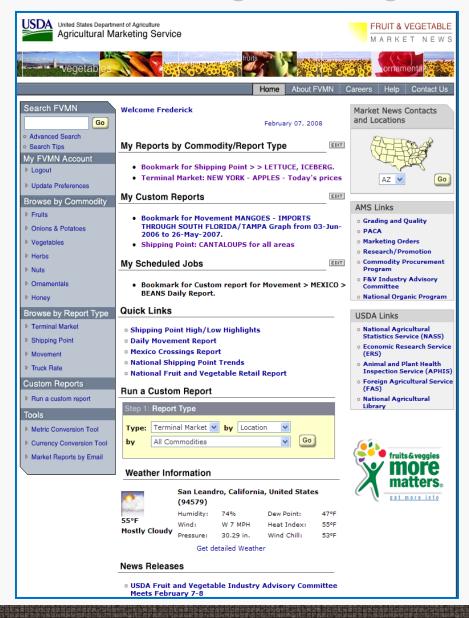


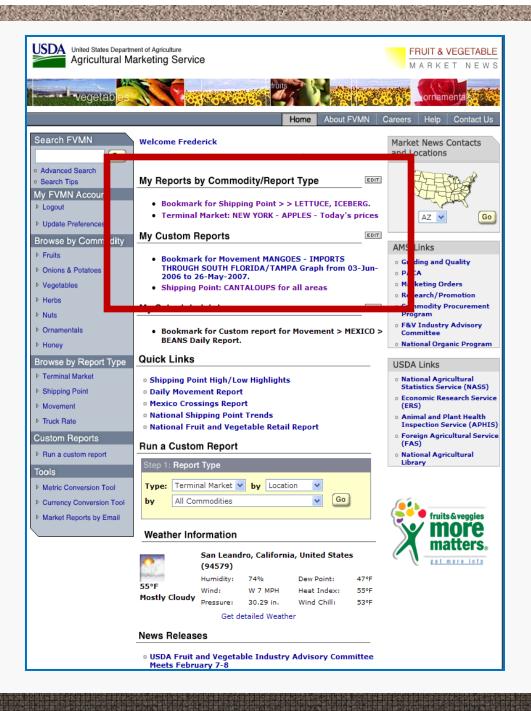
Browse By Commodity or Browse By Report Type for information on a *specific day* 

Use Custom Report for retrieving data for longer periods or by season

Log in to the FVMN Portal for additional features and personalization, especially for Custom Reports (free account)

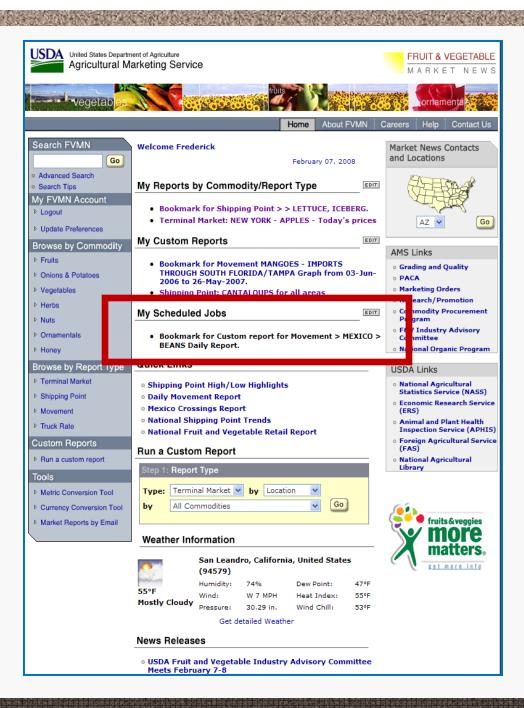
### Customized Home Page for Registered User





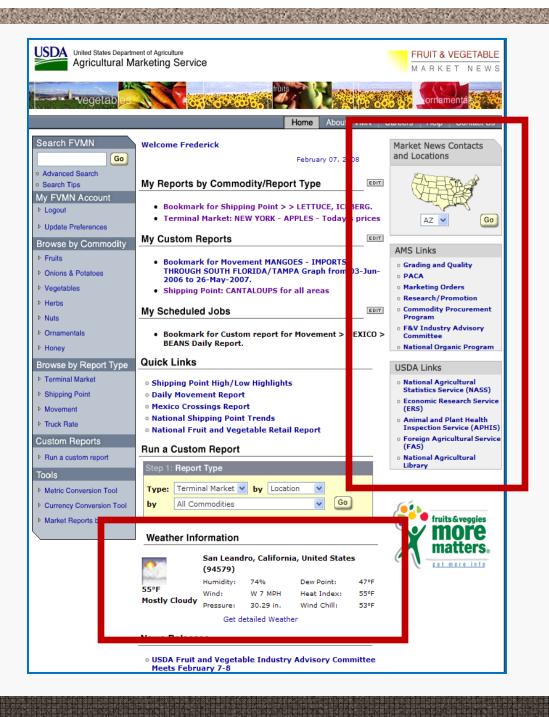
## Customized Features

- Saved bookmarks for "Browse By" queries
- Saved bookmarks for Custom Reports
- Title bookmarks as you like
- Reuse bookmarks for modified queries



## Customized Features

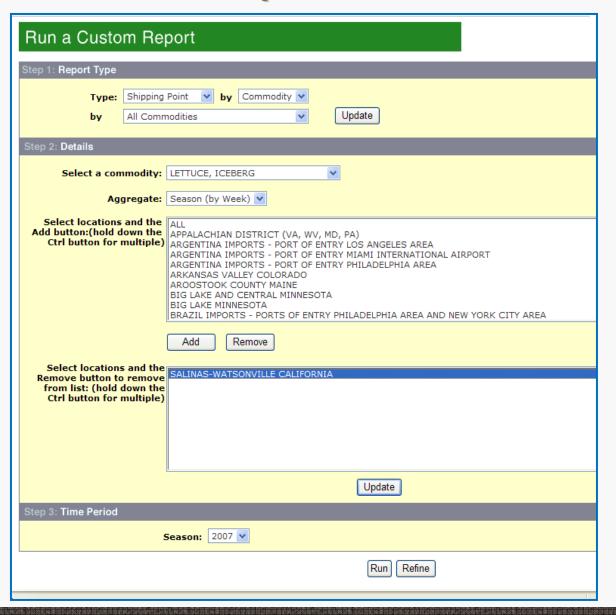
- Run a query and schedule future information for delivery to your email account



## Customized Features

- Ability to choose which features appear on your personal home page
- Personalized weather, based on zip code

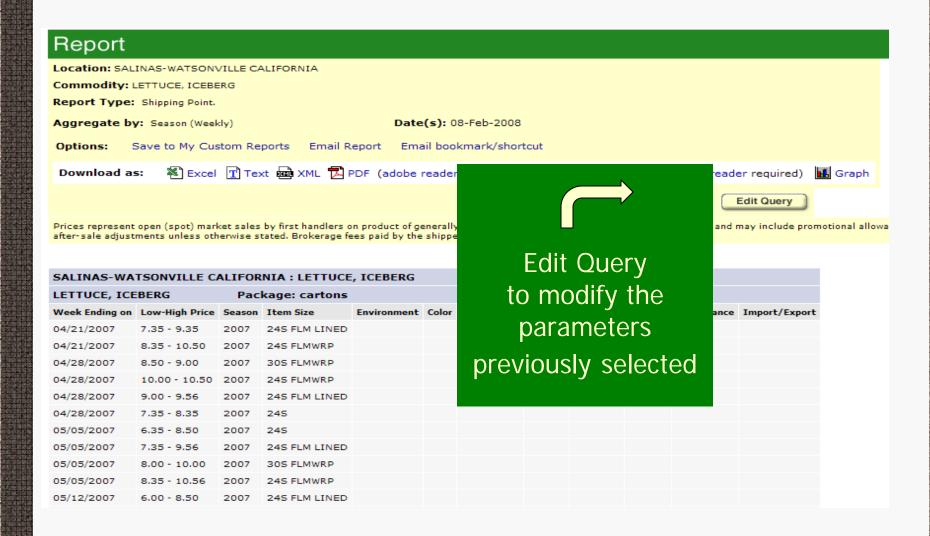
#### **Custom Reports – the Power of the Portal**



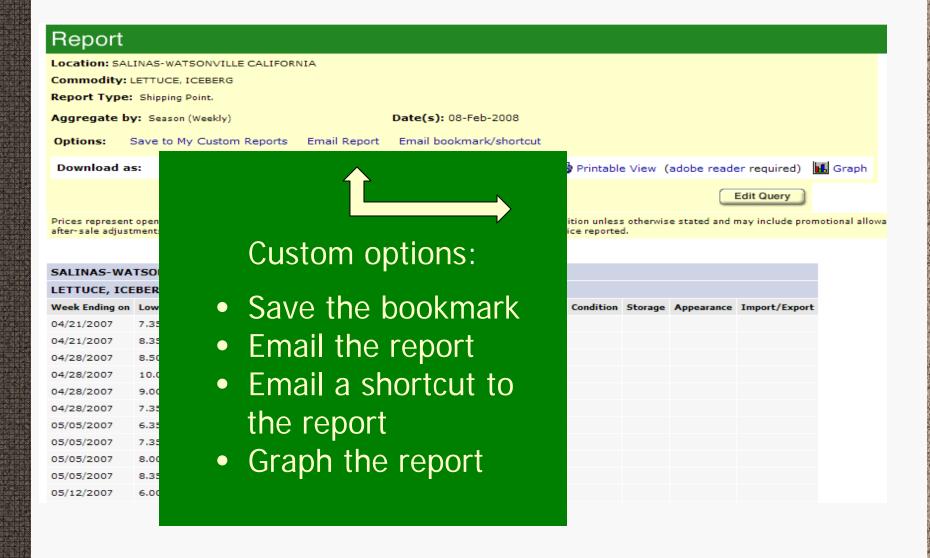
Select parameters for the query

- By Commodity
- Aggregate
- Location
- Time Period
- Additional Refinement Optional

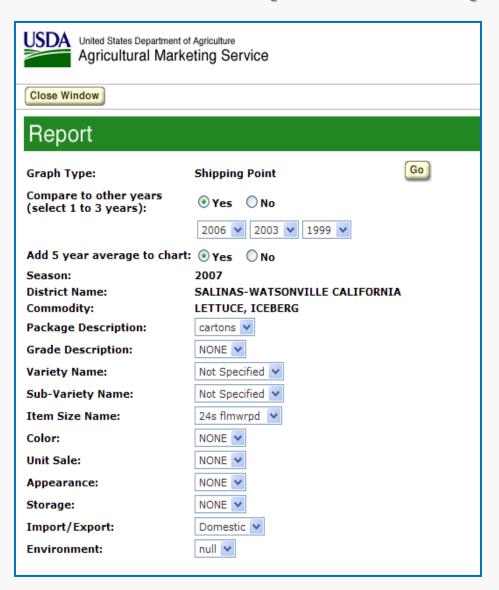
#### **Custom Reports – Results**



#### **Custom Reports – Registered User Options**



### **Custom Reports – Graphing Options**



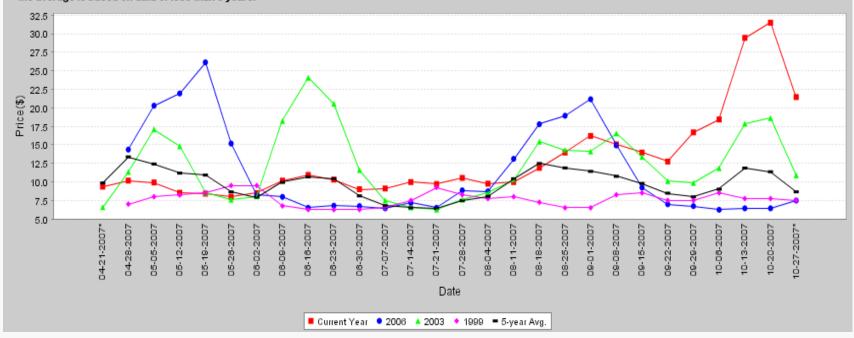
To graph the report, refine to specific parameters

#### **New features:**

- Graph multiple years for comparison
- Graph against five year average
- Available March2008

#### **Custom Reports – Graphing Options**





**Lettuce FOB Prices, 2007 Season and Comparisons** 

**Example of Downloaded Graph** (Comparison Functionality available March 2008)

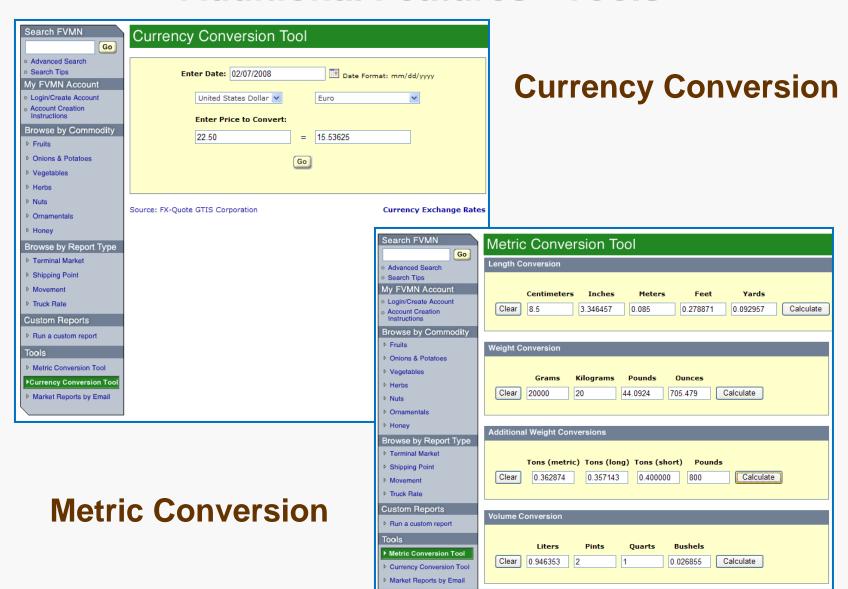
#### **Custom Reports – Graphing Options**

Download graph for inclusion into reports Bookmark graph to run again later

Saving Graphs



#### **Additional Features - Tools**



## Additional Features - Retail Report -

#### **Popular Reports**

- Shipping Point High/Low Highlights
- **Daily Movement Report**
- Mexico Crossings Report
- National Shipping Point Trends
- National Fruit and Vegetable Retail Report
- **Tomato Report**
- Plum Tomato Report
- **© Cherry Tomato Report**
- **Grape Tomato Report**
- Asparagus Report

#### New!

Weekly supermarket advertised specials survey



Marketing

#### Fruit and Vegetable Market News Branch

#### National Fruit and Vegetable Retail Report

Websites: www.marketnews.usda.gov/portal/fv and www.ams.usda.gov/fv/mncs/retail.pdf

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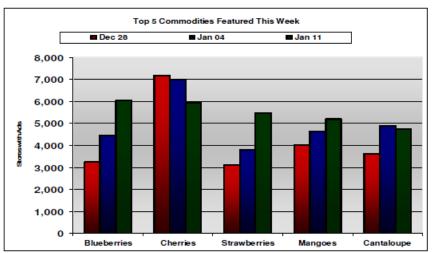
#### Advertised Prices for Fruits & Vegetables at Major Retail Supermarket Outlets 01/05 to 01/17<sup>1, 2</sup>

#### Retailers continue to encourage healthy resolutions.

Many retailers carried over the theme of healthier living from the previous New Year week. This included eating more fruits and vegetables for better health. The featuring of "buy 10 for 10" in the produce department was prominently displayed on a number of fruits and vegetables. Items featured included apples, avocados, broccoli (per lb), grapefruit, iceberg lettuce, mangoes, oranges, peppers, and tangerines. "Buy one-get one free" ads were also noticed and items included blackberries, blueberries, mushrooms, strawberries, and grape tomatoes.

Overall this week, produce ads were featured more on fruits than vegetables. The top featured items were all fruit commodities and were: blueberries, cherries, strawberries, mangoes, and cantaloupe. On the vegetable side of the department, baby peeled carrots (both conventional and organic) was the leading feature when added together. The second leading feature also when added together was conventional broccoli (per bunch and crowns) followed by sweet onions, green peppers, and russet potatoes.

Gaining in prominence over the past few weeks have been stone fruit ads from Chile in addition to the first findings of grapes which showed a marked presence by the end of the week in some regions.



- 1 Fruit and Vegetable Market News surveys more than 200 retailers, comprising roughly 17,000 individual stores, with online weekly advertised features.
- 2 Date range reflects one week of data collection ending on the report release date and encompasses ad pricing good from the Saturday before report release date through the following Thursday.

## **Additional Features – Shipping Point Highlights**

#### Interactive listing of commodities with price changes

#### Popular Reports

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SHIPPERS CHOICE GRADE 140-235S SLIGHTLY HIGHER, OTHERS

HEARTS ABOUT STEADY, OTHERS SLIGHTLY HIGHER.

- Tomato Report
- **Plum Tomato Report**
- Cherry Tomato Report
- Grape Tomato Report
- Asparagus Report

HIGHER.

ABOUT STEADY.

#### Shipping Point Highlights for Thursday, 07-Feb-2008

Higher in price were:

CALEXICO AND SAN LUIS

SOUTH & CENTRAL DISTRICT CALIFORNIA

IMPERIAL, COACHELLA & PALO VERDE VALLEYS CALIFORNIA

Note: Click on the name of a district or commodity to go directly to the report.

IMPERIAL, COACHELLA VALLEYS CALIF, CENTRAL AND WESTERN ARIZ, MEX CROSSINGS THROUGH

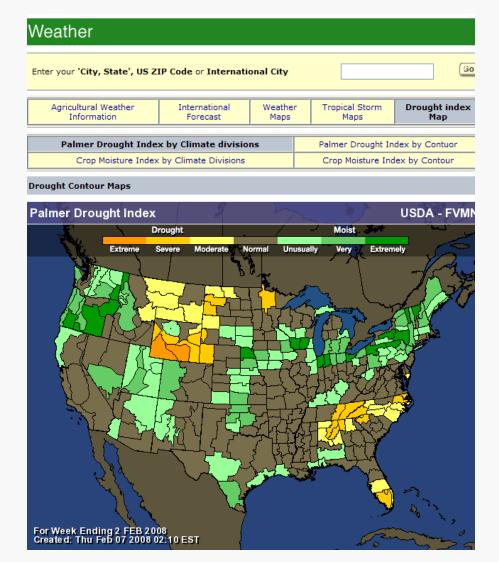
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CENTRAL COAST CALIFORNIA		BOK CHOY	SHIGHER.
MEXICO CROSSINGS THROUGH VARIOUS PORTS OF ENTRY AND	SOUTH AND CENTRAL CALIFORNIA	BRUSSELS SPROUTS	HIGHER.
IMPERIAL, COACHELLA VALLEYS CALIF, CENTRAL AND WESTERN CALEXICO AND SAN LUIS	ARIZ, MEX CROSSINGS THROUGH	CABBAGE	RED SLIGHTLY HIGHER GREEN ABOUT STEADY.
CARIBBEAN BASIN IMPORTS - PORTS OF ENTRY SOUTH FLORID	A	CALABAZA	HIGHER.
SANTA MARIA CALIFORNIA		CAULIFLOWER	HIGHER.
IMPERIAL & COACHELLA VALLEY CALIFORNIA		CELERY	2-2 1/2 DOZEN HIGHER OTHERS ABOUT STEADY.
WESTERN ARIZONA		CELERY	2 DOZEN SLIGHTLY HIGHER OTHERS ABOUT STEADY.
SANTA MARIA CALIFORNIA		CELERY	2 DOZEN HIGHER 3-4 DOZEN LOWER OTHERS ABOUT STEADY.
OXNARD DISTRICT CALIFORNIA		CELERY	4 DOZEN AND HEARTS HIGHER 2 DOZEN LOWER OTHERS ABOUT STEADY.
IMPERIAL, COACHELLA VALLEYS CALIF, CENTRAL AND WESTERN CALEXICO AND SAN LUIS	ARIZ, MEX CROSSINGS THROUGH	CHINESE CABBAGE	SLIGHTLY HIGHER.
OXNARD DISTRICT CALIFORNIA		CILANTRO	30S HIGHER 60S LOWER.
CARIBBEAN BASIN IMPORTS - PORTS OF ENTRY SOUTH FLORID	A	COCONUTS	SLIGHTLY HIGHER.

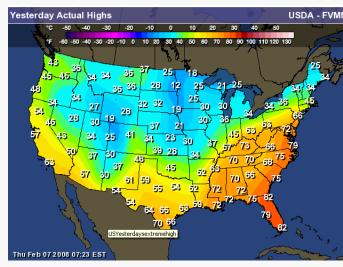
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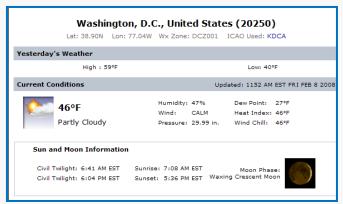
LEMONS

LETTUCE-ROMAINE

#### **Additional Features - Weather**







### **Additional Features – Daily Movement**

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#### **Daily Movement Report**

Agricultural Marketing Service Fruit and Vegetable Programs Market News Branch

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http://www.marketnews.usda.gov/portal/fv

Thursday, February 07, 2008

#### SHIPMENTS AND CROSSINGS FOR SELECTED COMMODITIES IN 40,000 LB UNITS

									TOTAL TO DATE		FINAL	
		JAN	FEB	FEB	FEB	FEB	FEB	FEB	THIS	LAST	LAST	
COMMODITY/ORIGIN/DIVISION	MODE	31	1	2	3	4	5	6	YEAR	YEAR	YEAR	
APPLES												
APPALACHIA												
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MICHIGAN												
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### What's Next?

- Portal Communities
- RSS notification of updated information
- Add Districts to rail movement data
- Improve display on Portal queries
- Make additional graphing options available
- Add improved functionality to the Retail Report



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## Thank You!