

MARKET TRENDS & PRICING

Washington harvest is underway! Size profiles are smaller to begin with - typical for this time of year. We are harvesting Yellows, Whites, and Reds, with Whites remaining the lightest in volume. Utah will start in the next few weeks, with hot and dry conditions overall. New Mexico is winding down and will conclude mid-August. We appreciate all the hard work from our outstanding growing partners and their dedicated families.

transportation

With the change in season and growing regions, communication is key

to seamless transportation. With upcoming fall nursery stock shipping from the Pacific Northwest, we appreciate your patience as the industry sees increased freight costs.



weather report -

It is H-O-T! Low humidity & mid to high-90s across all growing regions. Onions are photothermoperiodic; meaning they grow according to temperature and daylight. Daylight hours stimulate the onion plant to start making a bulb, but once bulbing has begun, onions easily tolerate temperatures higher than 75°F. Talk about a super-veggie!









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CROP REPORT

The demand in WASHINGTON has been very brisk! The market on Whites is strengthening, with Yellows and Reds seeing good demand as well. Our harvest and packing crews have been working sun-up to sun-down to keep up with the pace of the market. OREGON TRAIL fired up their plant with limited production and have started running a few loads. Labor has been proven difficult to find here in UTAH, but we have overcome this challenge before and will do it again. With persistence from our field and plant managers, we are right on schedule with harvesting Yellows in the next few days. COLORADO begins harvest next week, with limited supplies in relation to market demand – mostly Reds. NEW MEXICO has officially wrapped up their season, and we greatly appreciate all the hard work from our growers in that region.

transportation

Trucks from the Pacific Northwest are available - however, with fewer trucks on the road, we are continuously strengthening our relationships with carriers so we are given trucks during the holiday season. Haden Flint joined our transportation team a few months ago, and he is a tremendous asset to our five-star team.



weather report

Knock on wood! The weather for all of our growing regions has been more than acceptable. We have had a few scattered rainstorms, but nothing out of the norm for this time of year.





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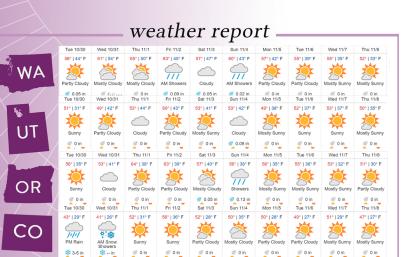
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Storage onion season is off to an excellent start. The market has stabilized, with a large increase in demand to be expected in the upcoming months. Small onions will continue to be in high demand as we roll into the holiday season. Between Colorado, Utah, Oregon, and Washington, we have supply of all colors and sizes for the holidays. Our product looks fantastic - vivid reds, bright whites, and golden yellows. Thank you to all our growers!

transportation

We are seeing things tighten up slightly and expect a market similar to last year as we get closer to the holidays. We are combating shortages by working ahead as far as we can and utilizing new and rekindled relationships with trucking companies. Lead time is extremely important, as this will help keep rates down and give us the ability to secure a solid truck. More updates will be provided as we continue into the holidays.







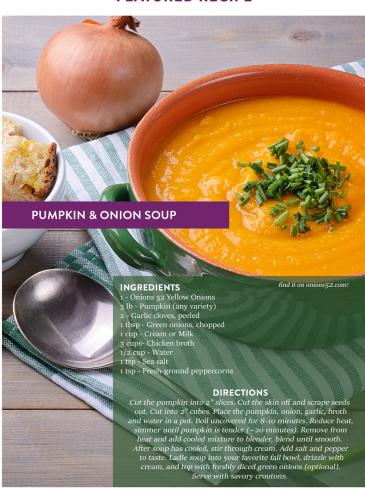
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CROP REPORT

We are seeing a strong trend in small to medium onions in all areas and all colors. This demand is typical for the holiday season and we are well-prepared for meeting the needs of our customers throughout the holiday season. The quality in all regions is excellent. We highly recommend placing holiday orders as early as possible to allow plenty of time for coordinating transportation. Timing is key! Keep in mind the possibility of inclement weather for your region that could potentially impact delivery time.

transportation -

As we approach the holiday season, we have seen a significant decrease in availability of trucks out of all areas. Please contact Kyle, Haden, or Dave in our transportation department to go over rates this week. Please allow as much time as possible to get trucks on new orders. We will continue to communicate quickly and effectively to all. We thank you in advance for your support.





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DID YOU KNOW?

During the Middle Ages, onions were used as gifts and currency! People used to pay for services and goods and even paid rent using onions!





CROP REPORT

We are one week away until Thanksgiving, and the demand is strong for onions of all colors and sizes. Retailers can benefit greatly from cross-promotional displays throughout their produce departments during the hoiday season. Non-perishable items that pair well with onions this time of year include tin foil, roasting bags, and slow cooker liners.

transportation

As expected, transportation is extremely difficult and rates have spiked going into the holiday. Please reach out on a daily basis for updates on rates and availability. We will inform each salesperson of any issues with loading times, and update customers in a timely manner. Thank you all for your help and continued understanding.

ONION MERCHANDISING TIPS

- Ponions should be placed, not dumped into the display.
- Placement should be tops up and root end should be down.
- Remove loose skins, damaged, or decayed onions routinely.











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CROP REPORT

We have had a very busy holiday season with substantial demand. The quality of our crop has been outstanding and we continue to make consistent deliveries to all customers. Overall, we have adequate supply in all areas and no shortages. In all areas, we are seeing size profiles on all colors leaning towards the larger side of the spectrum.

Washington: Steady supply of yellows, reds, whites, & organics, with sweets ahead on the horizon. No concerns with supply.

Utah: Steady supplies will take us well into the spring season.

Colorado: Heavy rains during the harvest delayed packing.

Our season here will be shorter due to many acres being left in the ground.

transportation

We have been able to put many more trucks on the road this holiday season than last year. Rates are much higher than we would like to be paying, but our goal is to take care of our customers with on-time deliveries. We expect trucks to continue to be tight throughout the remainder of the year and appreciate your continued support.









CROP REPORT

-NEW PRODUCT ANNOUNCEMENT!-

We are pleased to announce that we now have shallots shipping from Washington. Shallots have a delicious flavor profile that resemble garlic and onion combined. Shallots store extremely well and have a storage/shipping temperature identical to onions. We have a good supply we can load with your current orders out of Washington. Ask your salesperson for a price sheet and add fresh shallots to your next load - you won't be disappointed! Size profiles (diameter):

"Conservor" variety:

Mediums - 3/4" to 1 1/4" Jumbos- 1 1/4 to 1 3/4"

Colossals – greater than 1 3/4"

"Banana" variety:

All sizes available

Pack style:

10lb or 5lb bulk display-ready carton



Onions 52 Jumbo "Conservor" variety shallots "Banana" variety shallots also available

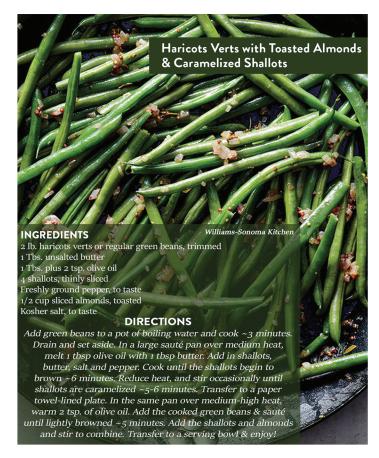
transportation

'Tis the season! Truck capacity is tight out of Washington and Utah, however we are securing good rates with early timing. Weather has played a big role in delivery times, and will continue to do so in the weeks ahead. Early communication ensures on-time deliveries and competitive rates!











CROP REPORT

We have seen good movement of all colors in all areas. We have supply in all areas, with a market strengthening on smaller sized onions. In Royal City, WA, we have added our newest item, and will begin shipping our high-quality shallots this week. Shallots have a delicious flavor profile that resemble garlic and onion combined.

SIZE PROFILES (DIAMETER):

- ▶ "Conservor" variety:
 - o Mediums 3/4" to 1 1/4"
 - o Jumbos- 1 1/4 to 1 3/4"
- Colossals greater than 1 3/4"
- ► "Banana" variety:

 All sizes available









Onions 52 "Conservor type shallots, jbo/m mix

10lb bulk ctn. 5lb bulk ctn.

transportation

Transportation seems to be tight but steady. Moving forward, lead time is critical in securing a truck and allowing for adequate transit times. Transit times may differ due to weather concerns/delays. Please reach out with any and all questions, and we will make sure to communicate from our end. Fuel prices are down \$0.021, but expect this to increase in the upcoming weeks.



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Stop by our booth to sample tearless and sweet Sunions!





CROP REPORT

We have good quality and availability in all colors, and organic right now. Tearless and sweet Sunions are back for a limited time, and we began shipping to the Northwest region this week. We are now taking commitments for the late fall 2019 Sunions crop. We have good quality shallots available - ask your salesperson about adding a few pallets to your current holiday order. Demand for smaller-sized onions in all colors is up for the second week in a row. Domestic market demand is good and steady, with export continuing.

PRODUCT OF THE WEEK



Onions 52 Conservor Shallots FOB Royal City, WA

transportation -

Transportation has been steady, but we have also began seeing trucks tighten up this week. We are well-prepared for the anticipated shortage, but want to remind customers that lead time on orders is critical for the next few weeks. The transportation team will relay rates and availability to keep everyone informed, but please reach out for freight quotes as these inflate heavily this time of year. Fuel is down \$0.04, but also anticipate this to increase in the upcoming weeks.





Planting organic & conventional!! Sun NS

Tearless and Sweet

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Tearless Sweet!

Now taking commitments for Fall 2019!

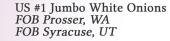




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In Utah and Washington we have excellent holiday demand, and good quality organic and conventional onions to fill all orders. We are continuing to ship Conservor and Banana shallots out of Royal City, WA - ask your salesperson to load a pallet with your next onion order! We want to wish all of our growers, customers, and Onions 52 team members a very Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

PRODUCT OF THE WEEK



transportation

Trucks are tightening up and rates are holding steady as we approach Christmas and the New Year. Weather has slowed down trucks across the country, so timing is extremely important. Fuel is down \$0.04.





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