



GROWING CONDITIONS ALERT

9/18/2024 | ORANGES

What is affected

- **Oranges - Whole Commodity**

REGION

Global

QUALITY

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SUPPLY



Quality is at the mid-range of standards.

Supplies are very limited.

What is happening?

- The industry is nearing the end of import season and will transition to domestic.
- Import orange supply has diminished drastically over the past 10 days.
- The Eastern Region is impacted more significantly, due to the logistics of supply.
- There may be significant shortages over the next 6 weeks.

Why is this happening

- Limited global supply of oranges may be attributed to several influences
- HLD- Citrus Regreening disease has eliminated a great deal of trees.
- Weather events, such as hurricanes have damaged groves.
- Acreage removed from production for more profitable endeavors.

How long will this go on

- Current estimate shows little change in the next 6 weeks.
- As the fall & winter crops begin harvest, we will be more equipped to offer solid timelines.

What will show up in my case of product

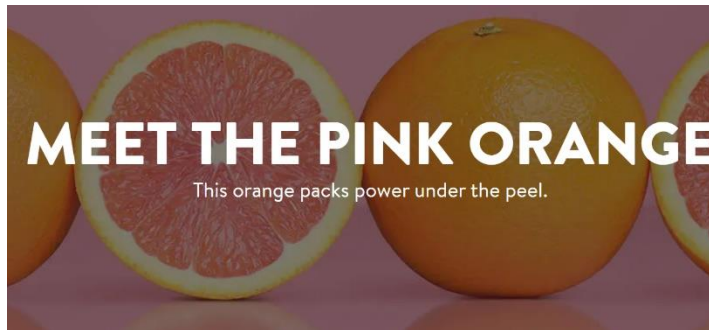
- You may receive varieties that are not Valencia or Navel.
- The peel may be more yellow than orange, sizing may be inconsistent.
- The eating quality will be good.

What are the options?

- Continue to purchase and be flexible as to what product is available.
- Be flexible on size, specific sizes and varieties may be unavailable.

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US Foods is working to mitigate the issues outlined, we are working to source from additional growers. US Foods employs Field Inspectors that audit the fields and are our boots on the ground to secure the best available product. In each of our Facilities we have Trained, Professional Produce Inspectors- Their only job is to be the “Gate Keeper” of quality, making sure nothing off quality is allowed in or out to you.



CARA CARA ORANGE



HAMLIN ORANGES



MARRS ORANGES



JAFFA ORANGES

Please stay in contact with your US Foods Team Member to keep up to date on Orange availability and we will get through this together. Assured that we are working diligently to bring you the best tasting sweetest orange that is available today.

Growers are in the field assessing product and at each of our facilities we are inspecting product at a high level well before it reaches your kitchen. Please know that while this may not be our normal standard, there is very little available product. We are working to balance the best quality available with the ability to have product for you and ultimately your customer.

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