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Crop Update

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The roller coaster of temperatures, typical of spring, looks likely to continue across the coastal California fields as we move through May. As low pressure systems pass mainly to the north, they bring cooler temperatures along with a heavy marine layer and drizzle to the fields. Intermittent high pressure then brings warm temperatures and a shallow marine layer for a short period followed by another round of cooler temperatures, fog and drizzle. The cooler temperatures will slow growth rates while increasing mold, mildew and disease pressure in these stands. Some of the mature lettuce and leaf stands are showing some disease pressure producing lighter yields in upcoming stands. Of particular concern now are supplies of artichokes, brussels sprouts and green beans.

Artichoke production looks to remain on the light side as growers transition to Salinas Valley fields. The cool moist weather in these coastal fields has hampered production with mold and mildew impacting yields in the stands.

Brussels sprout supplies from Mexico are past peak production and continue to deal with hot weather, labor challenges and border crossing issues. Current production is mainly medium sized sprouts with small and jumbos very limited. Seeder and discoloration are being reported as the Oxnard region looks to begin light production.

Green bean production from Mexico is winding down over the next couple of weeks with questionable quality and light volume. As south Florida winds down seasonally Northern Florida and Georgia are expected to add to the mix this week gradually increasing production. California desert production is expected to bring better supplies as harvests begin around mid-May.

