



Overview	The fruit I have seen in my local supermarkets is looking quite good. Of the three visited, there was only one rotting peach. Buyers are confirming that the quality in general has improved this week compared to a couple of weeks ago, and that it is all better than the bulk of the fruit that came out of Hawkes Bay. The apricots in one supermarket looked scruffy and blemished, and a worker in one of the others commented that the red plums were sour. Otherwise a very good effort team. Retail prices are variable, as they were in the last report, with yellow nectarines varying from \$4.99 to \$7.49/kg. Even higher prices have been reported. The higher prices being obtained now are the result of the lower supply. There maybe a few supply holes again next week.
North Island	In the last 14 days Hawkes Bay has had seven wet days, with rainfall recently of between 25-65mm depending on location. It just keeps happening! Growing degrees days (GDD) have flattened recently, but overall have been good. Apple harvest is now in full swing, and Golden Queens have had a scratch pick and will be truly under way next week. At this point they are three or four days ahead of normal anticipated timing.
South Island	Blenheim has had great growing weather with only one wet day and just enough rain for one day of evapotranspiration. Is there an opportunity for some later season fruit from this region? Central Otago has had a little rain in some parts of the region, not others, with only 19mm recorded in one of our weather stations. GDD are normal for this part of the season with the cooler nights keeping maturity from racing away.

cherries	LOW	MED	HIGH
➤ Finished!			
apricots	LOW	MED	HIGH
➤ Supply is erratic – pockets of supply with not much more to come. Most of the in-store fruit will be from cool stores. ➤ The small volumes of early Nevis (160) are available, and the later Nevis (180) is not too far way.			
nectarines	LOW	MED	HIGH
➤ Most of the good supply is from the South Island, with only ‘tidy up’ fruit available from Hawkes Bay. August Fire ‘Classic’ nectarines are possibly the last from Hawkes Bay. These are said to be looking good and eating well. ➤ Orin, Venus, Red Gem and Fantasia are available now from Central Otago. Nectarines that will soon be available include Summer Blush, August Red and August Fire . ➤ White flesh nectarines are all but finished, cool stored supplies only now, apart for some Zephyr which is running out. ➤ Supply and demand are in balance.			
peaches	LOW	MED	HIGH
➤ Yellow flesh peach supply is erratic and almost all from the South Island. As a result, retail price is as high as it has been all season. Still the retail is not as high as would be required, especially with the extra freight cost from South to North Island added in. There is some supply of O’Henry and Suncrest . ➤ Golden peach supply is variable with all three types; Belle, Star and Queen available in varying quantities. If more good quality fruit was available, more could be sold at higher prices according to one commentator. ➤ There is some late Southern Ice , but mostly white peaches are well finished. With relief expressed by some. This is a difficult category when the weather is not ideal. ➤ The small volumes of Flatto peach are reported to be selling okay. Small volumes of Blackboy have been picked and are off to market. Peacharines from Hawkes Bay are finishing soon.			
plums	LOW	MED	HIGH
➤ One of my commentators said that Humdinger plums are ‘really nice’. It has been a season where that comment has been all too rare. Red plum supply maybe short until next week. Omega from Hawkes Bay is in the market. ➤ Generally, supply and demand are not too far off balance with some variation depending on supplier. ➤ Hawkes Bay Freedom will finish this week, Autumn Honey and Angeleno will finish sometime next week. ➤ Fortune and Greengage from Central are in the market and there maybe a gap until Freedom is available. ➤ We are still waiting for Royal Star which is perhaps 7-10 and maybe 14 days away.			