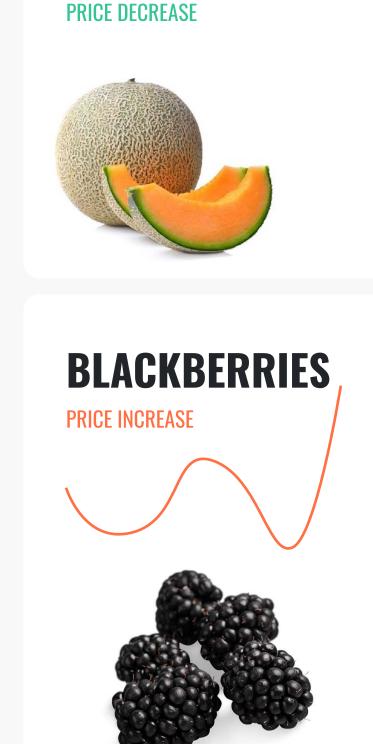




Wrapping up our produce news for the year, we

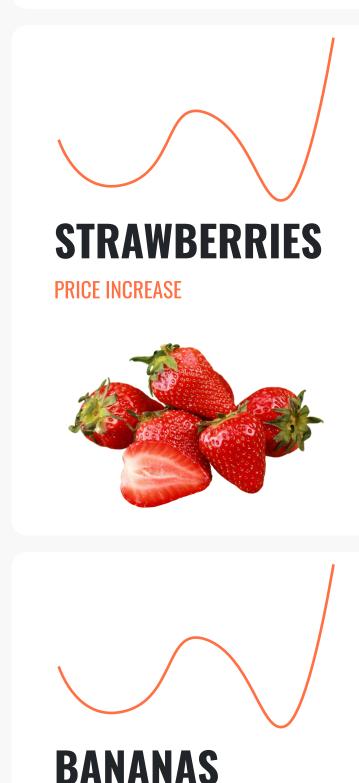
see last month's trend of extreme weather and

unexpected cold snaps continuing to put
pressure on the produce markets, as demand
remains high during the busy holiday season.
Here is a look at what is happening across the
fields for the month of December

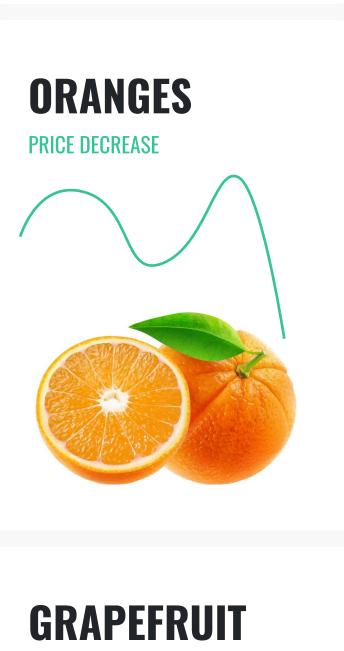


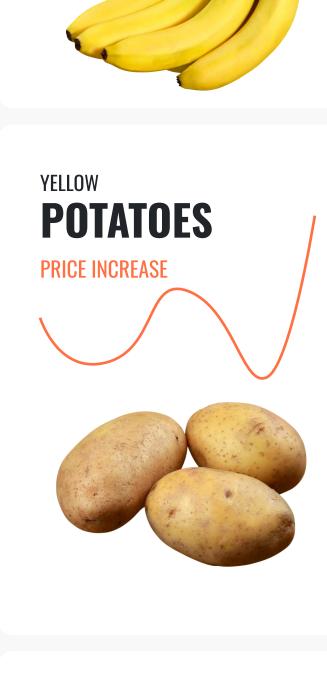
MELON





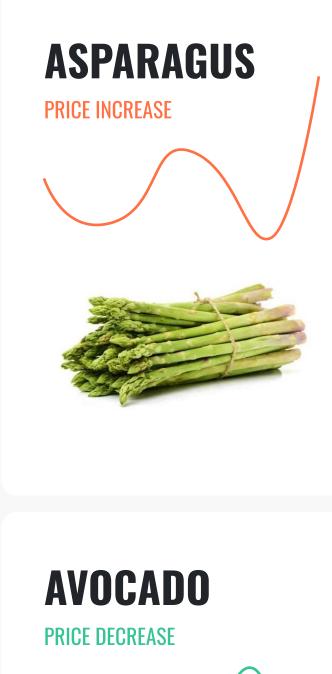
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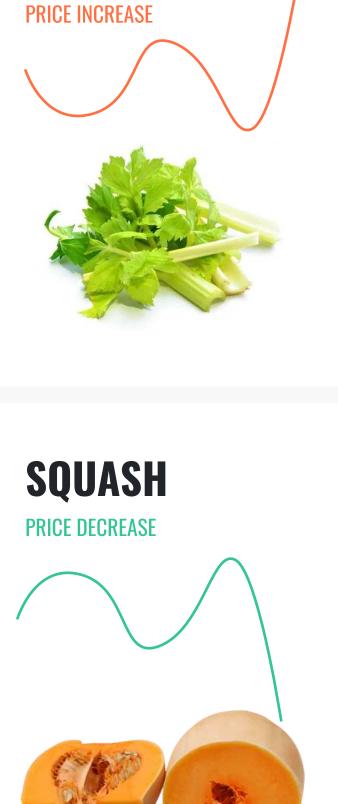






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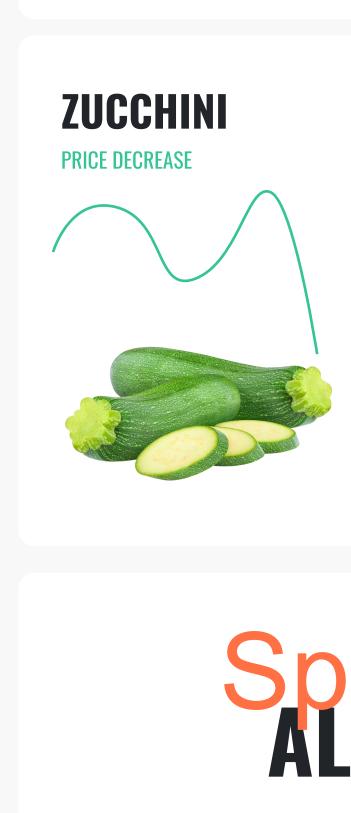


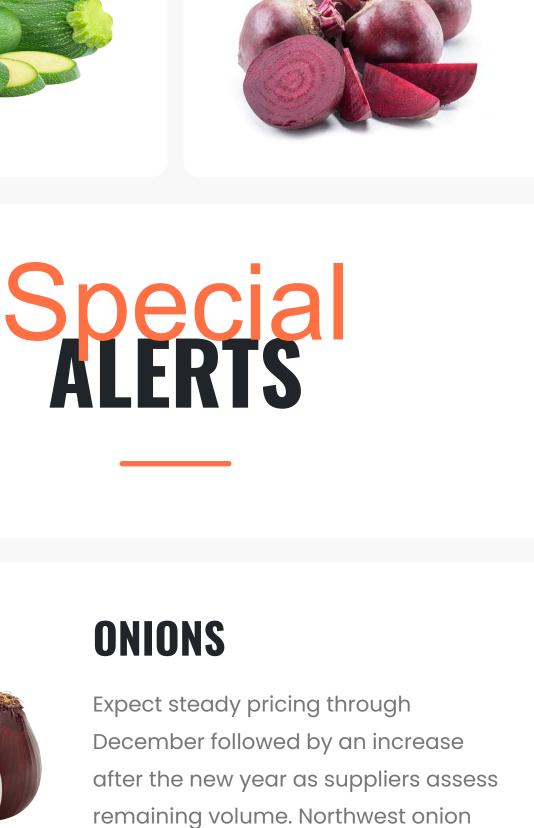


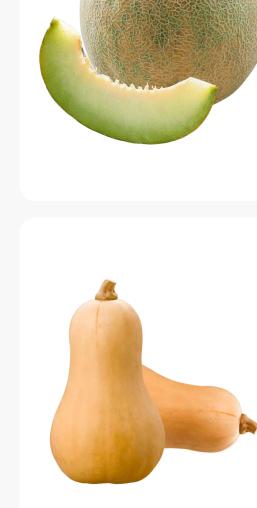
BEETS

PRICE DECREASE

CELERY







SQUASHFlorida is harvesting steady amounts

quality is excellent.

Numerous varieties of melons are in

exceptional value on large seedless

of high-quality zucchini, but yellow

squash volume is tight. Expect slightly

lower prices over the next two weeks

peak season. Watermelon is in

especially good supply, with

and mini varieties.

MELONS

TENDER LEAVE ITEMS

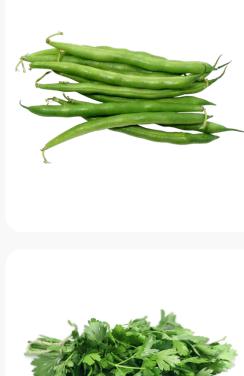
Supplies of tender leaf items are extremely limited due to colder-thannormal temperatures in the Yuma growing region.

Lower prices are expected in the next

few weeks due to an increase in east

GREEN BEANS

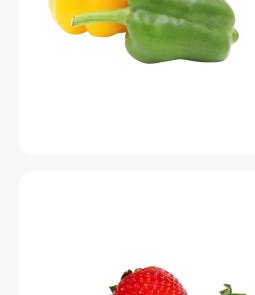
and west coast supplies.



CILANTRO & PARSLEY Prices are rising as demand exceeds supply. Stocks are extremely tight due

BELL PEPPERS
GREEN & RED

Markets are up across all colors, as

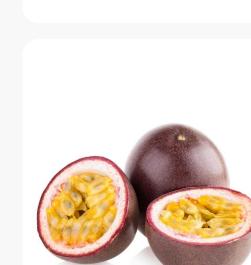


supply is set to remain tight throughout the holiday season.

to cold weather

STRAWBERRIES

Strong demand and elevated markets due to heavy rainfall. Volume remains limited due to soft skin, decay, white



shoulders and pin rot.

PASSIONFRUIT

One of the most popular items for New Year's Eve is still in their peak with great availability out of Florida for the

prices up past the holiday season.



holiday season.