

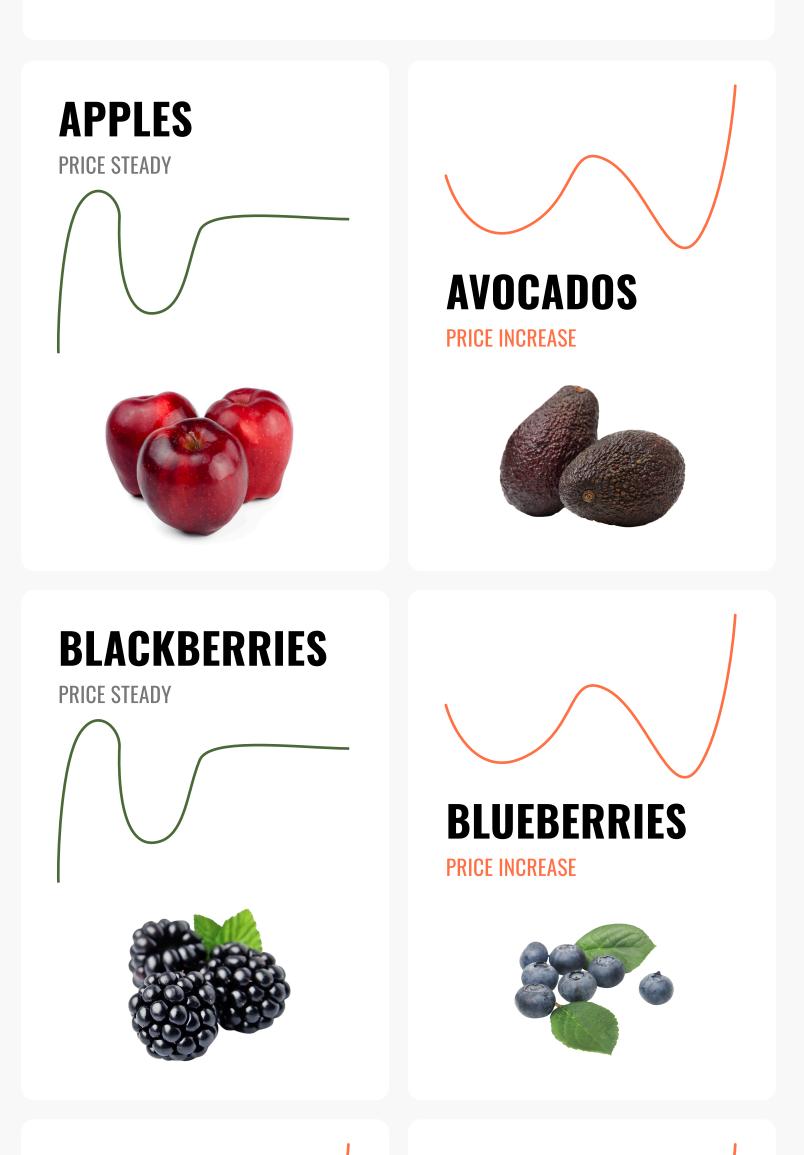


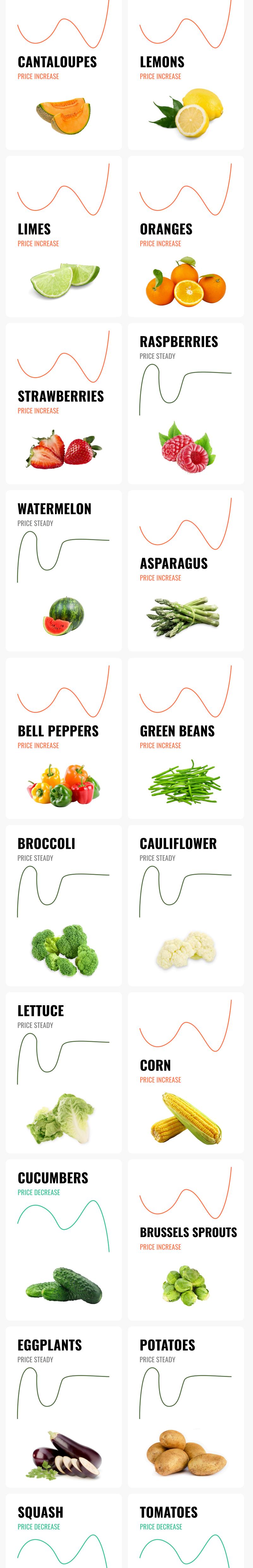
MARKET UPDATES

Spring is heating up, and so is the produce game. If you're running a kitchen, planning a menu, or trying to stretch your budget without sacrificing flavor, this update is for you.

Here is the latest USDA pricing data so you can see what's seasonally trending, what's dropping, and what to watch. From crisp greens to citrus transitions and avocado drama, here's the inside scoop to help you buy smarter and prepare better this week.

Have any questions or want any help with seasonal menu planning? Just reach out to us anytime.













GREEN BEANS

Eastern supplies are limited, and strong demand is pushing the market higher. Out West, demand is also outpacing supply, but relief is expected mid-May as California production ramps up. Quality is good.



CHILI PEPPERS

Strong demand and steady markets are reported in both the East and West. Quality is good, but supply is short on Caribes, Habaneros, and Shishitos this week.



CUCUMBERS

Prices are on the rise, but overall quality and volume are solid. Florida is seeing good volume, Georgia growers are starting, and crossings from Mexico remain steady.



LEMONS

Excellent quality and strong demand continue to push prices up. Small sizes (140s and under) are tightening, while availability is shifting toward larger fruit.



ORANGES

Excellent quality and steady supply overall, but small sizes are tightening as some smaller suppliers wrap up for the season. Expect tighter markets as the Navel season winds down.



BRUSSELS SPROUTS

The market remains very active, and prices are high. Industry-wide supply is below normal due to ongoing quality issues and lower yields. Quality is reported as fair.



NAPA CABBAGE

Supplies are still very tight but are slowly improving. Quality is fair due to some insect pressure affecting crops.