



December is here and soon will be over. Before we all know it, we will be celebrating the New Year. Have you thought about your New Year's Resolution yet? The Holiday season has arrived.



The Army –Navy Game was wonderful. Hats off to both teams. I must congratulate the victorious Navy Team. It was bitter cold but an awesome day. Til next year at the LINC Center in Philadelphia.....

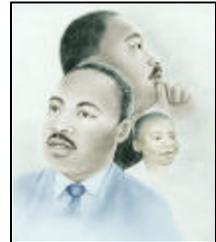


Dec. 7th, 2003 was the 63rd anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. To all our servicemen and women, hats off for your outstanding service and your commitment to our goal of American Freedom.



January's Upcoming Events

New Years Day
Martin Luther King Jr. Day



DeCA Customers Are Enjoying National Promotions

- **Oct 15 thru Dec 29** - Northwest Pear Bureau



Military Media Features:

- **Dec 4 thru Dec 17** - USA Pears

Featured Item of the Month - Oranges



All varieties should be firm, heavy for size, and have fine-textured skin. Refrigerate. Does not ripen further after harvest. Oranges may exhibit some regreening of the skin; this does not adversely affect internal fruit quality. Neither does surface scarring, which occurs when wind brushes young fruit against the tree. Nutrition benefits – oranges are saturated fat free, sodium free, cholesterol free.

Oranges are high in fiber and fat free. They are also high potency Vitamin C. Serving tips: Add orange segments to fresh fruit and vegetable salads. Keep whole oranges on hand for snacking.

DSCP-Produce Business Unit

NEWSFLASH



MUST READ - WHAT'S HOT - WHAT'S NOT!!

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>Produce Market Update</u>			
	<u>SUPPLY</u>	<u>QUALITY</u>	<u>MARKET</u>	<u>STATE</u>
Beans, Green	Good	Good	Higher	FL
Cabbage, Green	Good	Good	Steady	GA/NC
Cabbage, Red	Good	Good	Steady	GA/NC
Corn, Yellow, White, Bicolor	Fair	Good	Higher	GA/FL
Cucumbers, Super Selects	Good	Good	Higher	FL
Onions, Yellow jumbo	Good	Good	Steady	CO/NY
Onions, Red jumbo	Good	Good	Higher	CO/NY
Peppers, Green Bell	Good	Good	Steady	GA
Radishes	Good	Good	Steady	FL
Potatoes, baking	Good	Good	Lower	CO/WI
Potatoes, white	Good	Good	Steady	NY/ME
Sweet potatoes	Good	Good	Steady	NC/VA/NY
Sweet potatoes	Good	Good	Steady	LA
Squash, zucchini	Good	Good	Lower	FL
Tomatoes	Fair	Good	Higher	FL
Apples, Red delish, Gold delish, Galas, Mac	Good	Good	Steady	NC/VA/NY
Navels	Fair	Good	Steady	FL
Grapefruit red, tangerines, tangelos	Good	Good	Steady	FL
Cantaloupes	Good	Fair	Lower	Import
Honeydews	Good	Good	Lower	Import
Chilean Grapes, nectarines, peaches	Good	Good		Chilean
Asparagus	Good	Good	Steady	CA
Artichokes	Limited	Good to fair	Strong	CA
Broccoli Crowns	Good	Good to exc.	Strong	CA
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Cauliflower	Good to limited	Exc to good	Strong	AZ
Celery and celery hearts	Good	Good	Steady	CA
Iceberg lettuce	Good to limited	Good to fair	Strong	AZ
Large lettuce, romaine, green, red	Good	Good	Strong	AZ



DID YOU KNOW ?????

- ★ The Commander of **DSCP Pacific Region** paid a visit to both the Yokosuka and Yokota Commissary stores during her trip to Japan. The Directors of both stores greeted the Commander enthusiastically. The store directors and the commander discussed the different demographics of the various bases in Japan and complimented local DSCP personnel on their ability to support the wide variety of personnel in Japan. The store directors also expressed their anticipation of upcoming events including future Road shows and Global sourcing initiatives.
- ★ Personnel from **Orlando Field Buying Office** and **Produce Business Unit Philadelphia** attended the SC State Food Nutrition Conference held in Columbia, SC on 4 December 03. There were several displays from many schools/counties on school nutrition and the benefits of healthy eating. The DSCP FF&V booth was set up and a huge variety of colorful produce was prominently displayed. Many varieties were sampled and once again many positive comments were received by all who attended.
- ★ **PBO Philadelphia** reports that the New Jersey Department of Agriculture has been receiving very large quantities of Potatoes from The Rabbit Farms out of Shiloh, New Jersey. The count is 2208 cases delivered to date. This local vendor was procured to make special deliveries directly from their farm to the New Jersey School Lunch Program during the month of December, which normally places little to no orders due to the holidays. The quality of the potatoes is excellent and it's satisfying to receive the friendly service that they provide.
- ★ **DSO Seattle** is offering great savings to our DVD DeCA customers for oranges this week. Apple Fuji, Onion Medium 16/3#, along with large Tomato are included with this promotions. DVD customers are taking advantage for the special prices this holiday seasons.
- ★ **PBO Nashville** would like to welcome our new customers recently acquired from prime vendor; Great Lakes NTC galleys, Great Lakes NTC Hospital, Joliet Job Corps, Blackwell Job Corps, Cleveland Job Corps, Pittsburgh Job Corps, Pittsburgh Air Reserve Station, and Youngstown Air Reserve Station.



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*Remember, as Kevin Spacey said in his movie K-PAX,
Our customers should always be able to say:*

“THE PRODUCE WAS WORTH THE TRIP !!”