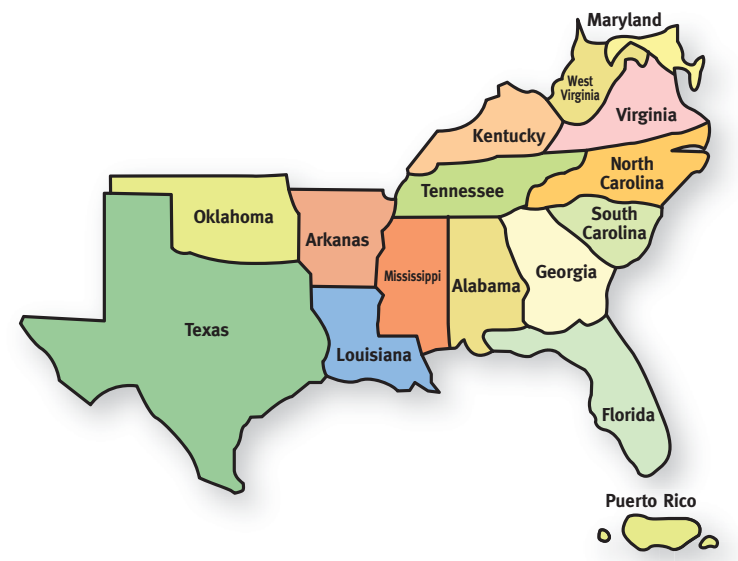


Care & Handling

COMMODITY		STORAGE TEMPERATURE	HUMIDITY	RETAIL LIFE	HANDLING INSTRUCTIONS	PEAK
	Bell Pepper	7-10°C / 45-50°F	90 - 95%	3-5 days	Ethylene sensitive. Chill sensitive.	Nov.-May
	Blueberries	2°C / 35°F	85 - 95%	3-5 days	Ethylene sensitive.	April-July
	Cabbage (Red & Savoy)	2°C / 35°F	95 - 100%	7-10 days	Ethylene sensitive.	Mar.-June
	Cantaloupe	2°- 5°C / 36°- 41°F	85 - 90%	7-10 days	Ethylene sensitive. Chill sensitive.	May-June / Nov.-Dec.
	Celery	2°C / 35°F	90 - 95%	7-10 days	Please mist! Ethylene sensitive.	Jan.-May
	Collard Greens	2°C / 35°F	90 - 95%	5-7 days	Please mist! Ethylene sensitive.	Oct.-April
	Corn	2°C / 35°F	90 - 95%	5-7 days	Moderate odour absorber.	Sept.-June
	Cucumber	7°- 10°C / 45°- 50°F	90 - 95%	7-10 days	Ethylene sensitive. Chill sensitive.	Nov.-June
	Dandelion Greens	2°C / 35°F	90 - 95%	5-7 days	Please mist! Ethylene sensitive. Chill sensitive.	Oct.-April
	Eggplant	7.7°- 12°C / 46°- 54°F	85-90%	5-7 days	Ethylene sensitive. Chill sensitive. Odour absorber.	Nov.-July
	Green Beans	4.4°- 7°C / 40°- 45°F	95%	5-7 days	Moderately sensitive to ethylene. Chill sensitive.	Oct.-May
	Honeydew Melon	7°- 10°C / 45°- 50°F	85 - 90%	7-10 days	Ethylene sensitive. Chill sensitive.	May-June / Nov.-Dec.
	Kale	2°C / 35°F	95 - 100%	5-7 days	Please mist! Ethylene sensitive.	Oct.-April
	Pecans	0°- 10°C / 32°- 50°F	65 - 70%	21-30 days	Odour absorber.	Year-round
	Specialty Peppers	2°- 10°C / 36°- 50°F	60 - 70%	3-5 days	Ethylene sensitive. Extremely chill sensitive.	Nov.-Mar.
	Spinach	2°C / 35°F	95 - 100%	5-7 days	Please mist! Ethylene sensitive. Chill sensitive.	Nov.-Mar.
	Strawberries	2°C / 35°F	90 - 95%	5-7 days	Ethylene sensitive.	Dec.-Mar.
	Sweet Onions (Texas 1015 & Vidalia)	2°C / 35°F	65 - 70%	30 days	Ethylene sensitive. Odour producer and absorber.	April-May
	Sweet Potatoes	12.7°- 15.5°C / 55°- 60°F	85 - 90%	7-14 days	Chill sensitive.	Year-round
	Swiss Chard	2°C / 35°F	95 - 100%	5-7 days	Please mist! Ethylene sensitive. Chill sensitive.	Oct.-April
	Zucchini	5°- 10°C / 41°- 50°F for soft shell varieties	90 - 95%	5-7 days	Ethylene sensitive. Chill sensitive.	May-Nov.

IMPORTANT! DO NOT BREAK THE COLD CHAIN.

Sources: CPMA Produce Handler's Guide; USDA Agricultural Marketing Service, Kansas State University Cooperative Extension; <http://Postharvest.UCDavis.edu>; Sea-Land's Shipping Guide for Perishables.



Availability

COMMODITY		JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.
	Bell Pepper	FL, NC	FL, LA, NC	AR, FL, NC	FL, NC	FL, GA, NC, TN, TX, VA	FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, TX, VA	GA, MD, MS, NC, SC, TX, VA	MD, MS, NC, SC, TX	AL, MD, NC, SC, TX	FL, GA, NC, SC, TX	FL, GA, NC, SC, TX	FL, GA, NC, TX
	Blueberries			FL	FL, GA	FL, GA, MS, NC, TX	FL, GA, MD, MS, NC, SC, TX	GA, MD, MS, SC, TX	MD				
	Cabbage (Red & Savoy)	FL, MS, TX	FL, TX	FL, TN, TX	FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, TX,	FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, TX, VA	FL, GA, MD, MS, NC, SC, VA	MD, VA	MD, VA	MD, VA	FL, GA, MS, VA	FL, GA, MS, VA	AL, FL, GA, MS, VA
	Cantaloupe			FL	FL	FL, GA, TX	AL, FL, GA, MD, MS, NC, SC, TX	FL, GA, MD, MS, NC, SC, TX, VA	MD, CS, VA	GA, MD	GA, TX	MD, TX	
	Celery	FL, TX	FL, TX	FL, TX	FL, TX	FL, TX	FL	FL			FL	FL	FL
	Collard Greens	GA, SC, TX	GA, SC, TX	GA, MS, SC, TX, VA	GA, MS, SC, TX, VA	GA, MS, SC, VA	GA, MS, NC, SC	SC	SC	GA, SC	GA, MS, SC, TX, VA	GA, MS, SC, TX, VA	GA, MS, SC, TX, VA
	Corn	FL	FL	FL	FL	FL, GA, MS, SC	AR, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC	GA, MD, NC, SC, VA	GA, MD, SC	FL, GA, MD	FL, GA	FL	FL
	Cucumber	FL	FL, NC, TX	FL	FL, TX	FL, GA, MS, NC, SC	FL, GA, MS, NC, SC	GA, MD, MS, NC, TX	MD, NC, TX	FL, GA, MD, SC, TX	FL, GA, NC, SC, TX	FL, GA, SC, TX	FL, TX
	Dandelion Greens	GA, TX	GA, TX	GA, TX	GA, TX	GA	GA, NC			GA	GA, TX, VA	GA, TX	GA, TX
	Eggplant	FL	FL	FL	FL, NC	FL, NC	FL, MS, NC	FL, MD, MS, NC	MD, NC	MD, NC	FL, NC	FL	FL
	Green Beans	FL		FL	FL, GA, MS	FL, GA, MS, SC, VA	FL, GA, MD, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA	FL, MD, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA	FL, MD, SC, VA	FL, GA, MD, MS, NC, SC, VA	FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, VA	FL, GA, NC, VA	FL
	Honeydew Melon	FL, TX				GA, TX	AL, GA, NC, TX	GA, MD, NC, TX	MD, TX	GA, MD, TX	GA, TX	TX	TX
	Kale	GA, SC, TX	GA, SC, TX	GA, MS, SC, TX	GA, MS, SC, TX	GA, MS, SC, TX	GA, MS, NC, SC, TX	MD, SC, TX	MD, SC, TX	GA, MD, SC, TX	GA, MD, SC, TX, VA	GA, SC, TX	GA, SC, TX
	Pecans	MS, TX	MS	MS	MS	MS, VA	MS	MS	MS	AL, GA, MS	AL, GA, MS, SC, TX	AL, GA, MD, MS, OK, SC, TX	
	Specialty Peppers	FL	FL	FL	FL	FL, TX	GA, MS, TX	GA, MD, MS, TX	MD, MS, TX	GA, MD, TX	GA, TX	FL, TX	FL, TX
	Spinach	TX	TX	TX, VA	TX, VA	MD, VA	MD	MD	MD	MD	FL, NC	FL, NC	FL, NC
	Strawberries	FL, NC	FL, NC	FL, NC	FL, NC	FL, NC	FL, NC	FL, NC	FL, NC	FL, NC	MD, VA	TX, VA	AL, TX, VA
	Sweet Onion			GA, TX	GA, TX	GA, TX	GA	GA	GA	GA	GA	GA	
	Sweet Potato	LA, MS, NC, TX	LA, MS, NC, TX	LA, MS, NC, TX, VA	AR, LA, MS, NC, TX	AR, LA, MS, NC, TX	LA, MS, NC	LA, MS, NC	LA, MS, NC, SC	GA, LA, MD, MS, NC, SC, TX	GA, LA, MD, MS, NC, SC, TX, VA	GA, LA, MD, MS, NC, SC, TX	LA, MD, MS, NC, SC, TX
	Swiss Chard	GA, TX	GA, TX	GA, TX	GA, TX	GA	GA, NC			GA	GA, TX, VA	GA, TX	GA, TX
	Zucchini	FL	FL, NC	FL	FL, GA	FL, GA, SC, VA	FL, GA, MD, MS, NC, PR, SC, VA	GA, MD, MS, NC, SC, VA	MD, MS, NC, SC	FL, GA, MD, MS, NC, SC, VA	FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, VA	FL, GA	FL