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LEMONS

Due to a series of highly unusual weather events the lemon crop in California has been devastated. This includes a recent record heat wave in growing areas in combination with a crop that was already heavily impaired by extreme wind damage in December. Our growers are estimating that close to 50% of the remaining crop has been destroyed. The next crop from Arizona will not be available for 10-12 weeks. During this time period the unfortunate result is that the industry has invoked the "act of God" clause voiding all contracts. This will unfortunately result in extremely high pricing, very limited availability, poor quality including excessive skin scaring, and sizing being best available. **We encourage you to consider substituting (limes) or remove lemons from your menu wherever possible during this time period.**

We will do our best to fill orders including doing everything possible to combat this extreme event including procuring imported fruit from both Europe and Chile. Unfortunately this fruit is also very limited and high priced and we cannot guarantee acceptable product will be available. We value your business and will continue to update this state of affairs as we learn more.

We appreciate your support; and are working hard to minimize the effect of the current market situation.

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