

## UPDATE: LIMES

Lime prices are as high as \$135.00 + today and will continue to rise. Growers continue to strip new crop trees of fruit to capture the elevated market. Small sizes (250- to 300-count fruit) dominate crossings from Mexico into South Texas; very few large sizes (110- to 200-count limes) are on the market. Expect scarce supplies and elevated prices over the next month.

- Limes aren't being left on trees long enough to gain size and maturity; the market for large sizes will remain the highest
- Prices are expected to start inching down when Easter demand ends, especially the market for small sizes
- High prices have added security concerns; theft has become an issue, as trucks travel through Mexico towards the U.S. border
- Production is typically slow during the winter growing season (November through April), but this is a historic shortage caused by heavy rains in the growing region of Veracruz
- Even though overall quality is good, light color, brown spots, scarring, and stylar (stem decay) may become more prevalent because fewer supplies are on the market

200 CT Limes (Item 4647761)  
Example: \$110.00 / 200 limes.

**That means each lime is \$0.55**

Cut in HALF = \$0.27 each wedge

Cut in FOURTHS = \$0.14 each wedge

Cut in SIXTHS = \$0.09 each wedge

Cut in EIGHTHS = \$0.07 each wedge

Cut the Eighth in half again and you are less than \$0.04 per wedge. See pictures below...





Even cut into 16 pieces, at \$0.04 per wedge it still makes a reasonable garnish on a cocktail!

