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Cold snap affecting tender leaf quality, yields and shelf life

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The Arizona/California desert region experienced light lettuce ice this morning as temperatures dropped into the mid-30s to low 40s. According to Markon officials, harvesting delays of up to two hours are expected and will likely lead to loading delays for desert row crop items.

More light-moderate ice is expected tomorrow, Jan. 6, before a strong low-pressure system drops on Sunday, bringing gusty winds and a small chance for light rain.

Morning temperatures are expected to drop to the low 30s on Monday, Jan. 8 with widespread heavy to severe lettuce ice expected through at least mid-week. Markon is working with its suppliers to pack orders ahead in order to minimize disruptions.

Markon said its inspectors will be monitoring lettuce and tender leaf items closely as this upcoming cold snap will have both short- and long-term effects on quality, yields and shelf life.

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When his dreams of becoming a professional hockey player came crashing down due to lack of talent, Craig Levitt turned to journalism. He graduated from Hofstra University in 1992 and has covered various areas of the retail food trade since 1996. Craig joined The Produce News in 2017 and is now managing editor. In his spare time, Craig still plays men's league hockey (poorly) and enjoys walking the aisles of his favorite supermarket with his wife and two daughters.

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