



**Avocado Regional Composite**

**Mid South Region**

January – March: 2009 vs. 2010





## Methodology

- **Sales and Market Data is obtained using CAST**
- **(Category Avocado Sales Trend)**
  - Information Resources Inc. gathers chain-wide sales across all RMAs (Retail Market Areas)
    - Regional figures include data collected from all reporting retailers, as well as imputed data (non-reporting retailers such as club, warehouse and independent stores) for a total of 100% of retail sales for the area
  - Data is entered into CAST system
  - Using CAST, data is queried and reported
- **Average Selling Price (ASP) is not Advertised Retail Price**
  - Average selling price is the average of all prices including coupons, promotional pricing, club/loyalty card deals that are given at the register at the time of purchase
- **Analysis is based on a Calendar Year (Jan-Mar) unless otherwise noted**
- **Total U.S. totals and averages utilized in comparisons includes all U.S. regions**
- **Retail data provided by IRI/FreshLook Marketing**
  
- **Important Note: Due to the fact that IRI / FreshLook recently restated all retail data, this review cannot be compared or used in conjunction with prior reviews**





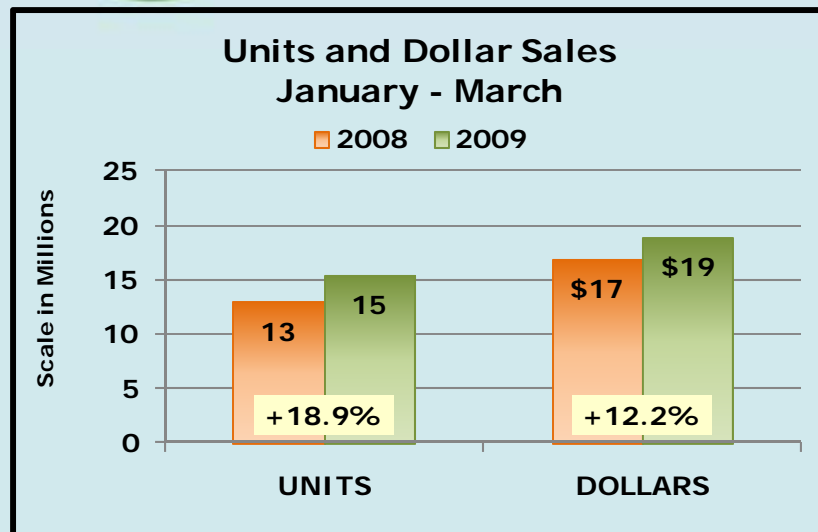
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- **Mid South versus Total U.S. trends**
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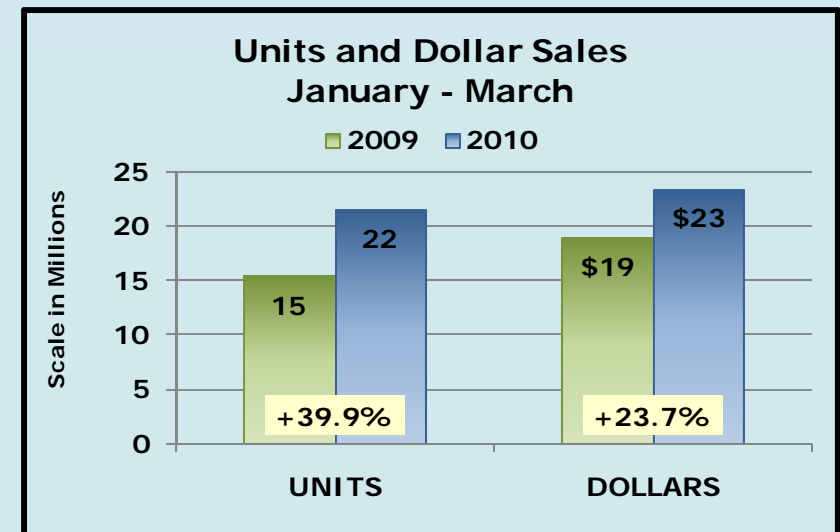




## Mid South: Region Retail Sales Overview



Jan-Mar	2008	2009	08v09
Category ASP/Unit	\$ 1.30	\$ 1.23	-5.7%



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# Mid South vs. Total U.S.: PLU Comparisons January – March: 2009 vs. 2010

JANUARY - MARCH: 2009 vs 2010

UNITS		Mid South			Total U.S.		
PLU	Description	2009	2010	Variance	2009	2010	Variance
4046	Small Hass #60 sizes & smaller	4,180	5,375	+28.6%	90,883	118,234	+30.1%
4225	Large Hass #40 & #48 sizes	7,927	11,352	+43.2%	149,511	191,033	+27.8%
4770	X-Large Hass #36 sizes & larger	1,814	3,245	+78.9%	8,713	16,195	+85.9%
Other	Greenskins, Pinkertons, non-Hass PLUs	531	482	-9.2%	7,939	7,968	+0.4%
Organic	All Organic PLUs	278	286	+2.9%	2,761	3,743	+35.6%
Bags	All bagged PLUs	683	815	+19.4%	27,085	33,227	+22.7%
<b>TOTAL CATEGORY UNITS (add '000s)</b>		<b>15,413</b>	<b>21,556</b>	<b>+39.9%</b>	<b>286,891</b>	<b>370,400</b>	<b>+29.1%</b>
DOLLARS		Mid South			Total U.S.		
PLU	Description	2009	2010	Variance	2009	2010	Variance
4046	Small Hass #60 sizes & smaller	\$ 4,964	\$ 5,519	+11.2%	\$ 69,226	\$ 79,854	+15.4%
4225	Large Hass #40 & #48 sizes	\$ 9,652	\$ 12,336	+27.8%	\$ 164,597	\$ 181,304	+10.1%
4770	X-Large Hass #36 sizes & larger	\$ 2,594	\$ 3,987	+53.7%	\$ 14,173	\$ 19,940	+40.7%
Other	Greenskins, Pinkertons, non-Hass PLUs	\$ 925	\$ 783	-15.4%	\$ 13,422	\$ 13,289	-1.0%
Organic	All Organic PLUs	\$ 494	\$ 496	+0.3%	\$ 4,441	\$ 5,133	+15.6%
Bags	All bagged PLUs	\$ 334	\$ 340	+1.7%	\$ 9,697	\$ 9,514	-1.9%
<b>TOTAL CATEGORY DOLLARS (add '000s)</b>		<b>\$ 18,964</b>	<b>\$ 23,460</b>	<b>+23.7%</b>	<b>\$ 275,556</b>	<b>\$ 309,034</b>	<b>+12.1%</b>
AVERAGE SELLING PRICE (ASP) / UNIT		Mid South			Total U.S.		
PLU	Description	2009	2010	Variance	2009	2010	Variance
4046	Small Hass #60 sizes & smaller	\$ 1.19	\$ 1.03	-13.5%	\$ 0.76	\$ 0.68	-11.3%
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4770	X-Large Hass #36 sizes & larger	\$ 1.43	\$ 1.23	-14.1%	\$ 1.63	\$ 1.23	-24.3%
Other	Greenskins, Pinkertons, non-Hass PLUs	\$ 1.74	\$ 1.62	-6.8%	\$ 1.69	\$ 1.67	-1.4%
Organic	All Organic PLUs	\$ 1.78	\$ 1.73	-2.5%	\$ 1.61	\$ 1.37	-14.8%
Bags	All bagged PLUs	\$ 0.49	\$ 0.42	-14.8%	\$ 0.36	\$ 0.29	-20.0%
<b>CATEGORY ASP</b>		<b>\$ 1.23</b>	<b>\$ 1.09</b>	<b>-11.5%</b>	<b>\$ 0.96</b>	<b>\$ 0.83</b>	<b>-13.1%</b>

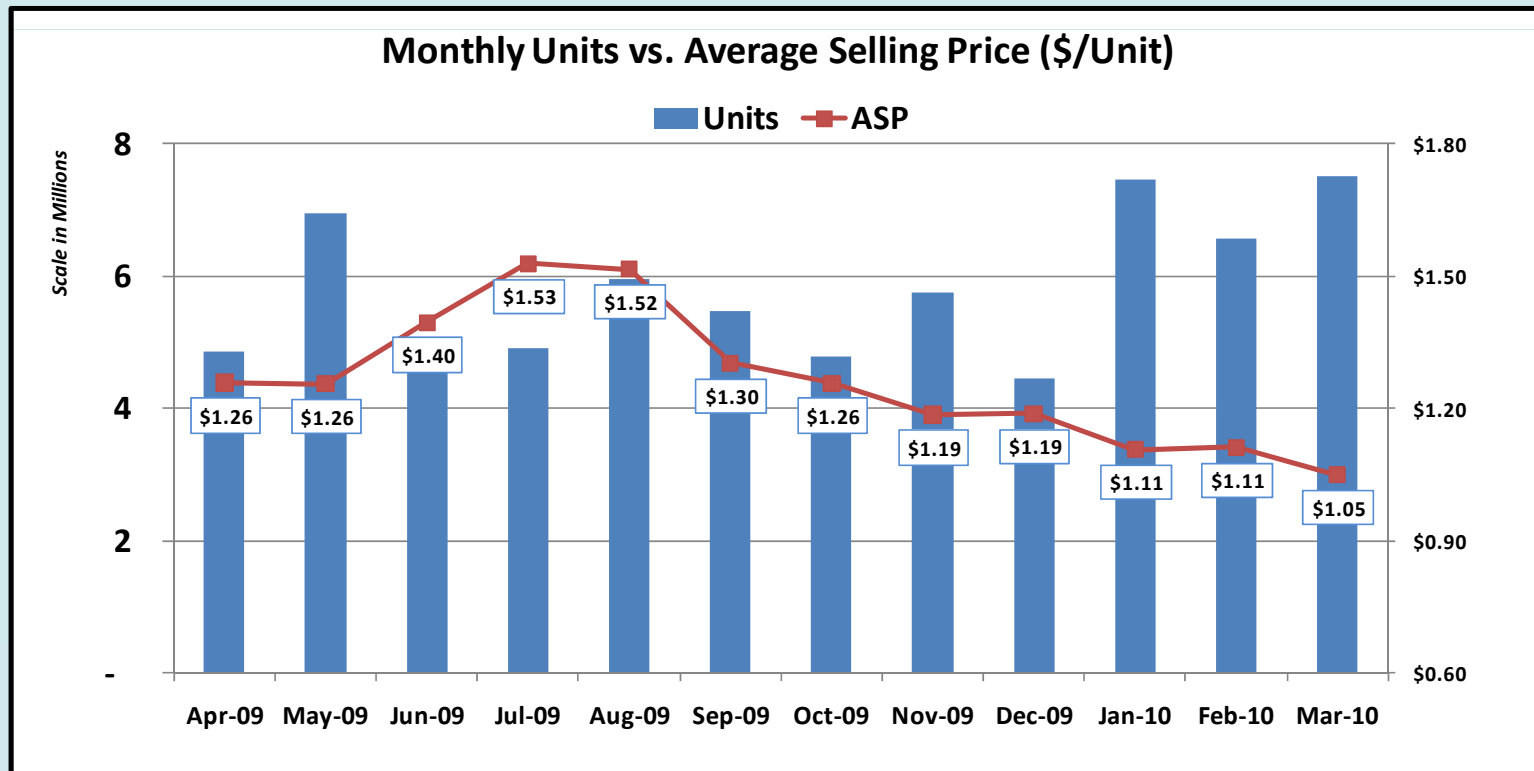
- Mid South's category unit trend of +40% was +11 points above the national average of +29%
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## Mid South Total Category by Month: Units to ASP (rolling 12-months)

- The rolling 12-month average was 5.81 million units per month and \$1.25/unit
  - The recent 6-months (Oct'09-Mar'10) showed an average of 6.09 million units each month, +10% gain over the prior 6-months average of 5.54 million units
  - Mar'10 was the peak from the 12 months observed with over 7.46 million units sold, and this may be because ASP was the lowest during this month
- ASP was lowest on Mar'10 at \$1.05/unit
  - The recent 6-months (Oct'09-Mar'10) showed an ASP of \$1.14/unit, -17% lower than the prior 6-months which had an ASP of \$1.37/unit





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## *Appendix*

- **Retail scan data is collected and entered into CAST approximately every 4-6 weeks**
  - Data collection began in 1997
  - Data is collected and distributed by Information Research, Inc. (IRI) / FreshLook Marketing
  - Data is scrubbed and reviewed for accuracy prior to entry
- **Total U.S. totals and averages utilized in comparisons includes all U.S. regions**
- **Other data is analyzed by CA Avocado Commission's Data Analyst (Fusion Marketing) in conjunction with CAC personnel**
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