



MARKET UPDATES

Week of November 16, 2025



Important Reminder: Thanksgiving Holiday hours will be as follows:

Wednesday, November 26.

Last call will be 6pm on Wednesday, November 26, for deliveries on Friday, November 28 (or later). If you would like an order delivered on Friday, November 28, you must place the order by 6pm on Wednesday.

Thanksgiving Day, November 27:.

Closed. (No Deliveries. No Orders Processed.)

Friday, November 28:

Regular hours.

Seafood

SEASONAL SPOTLIGHT - STOCKED FOR THE WEEK!

- This week's seasonal spotlight items are:
- # WB656, Clam Chopped Fresh 1 Gal, Gulf of Maine
- Available all week long.
- # NW958, Shrimp 16-20 Fresh Shell-on, Carolinas
- Available all week long.
- Advance notice is appreciated to ensure we pull enough inventory to meet demand.

View the full Seasonal, Fresh, Specialty Seafood list, including our Oyster List, here: <https://blackriverproduce.com/resources/updates/#regional-seafood>

SWORD LOIN

- Market holding steady

LOCAL HADDOCK

- Supplies limited and price increases on local scrod/ small haddock.

HALIBUT FILLET

- Expect price increases.
- Reduced West Coast harvest continues to create volatility and continues to place increased demand on East Coast supply.

DRY SCALLOPS

- Prices holding steady.

TUNA LOIN FRESH

- Price decrease.

Meat

BLACK RIVER MEATS, STEW MEAT

- Reminder: stew meat is now in stock #GR400 – 12/1#
- The perfect cozy antidote to the dropping temperatures outside.

STONEWOOD FARM

- Ground Turkey Breast (#ET258): is out-of-stock until after Thanksgiving as production shifts to whole birds.

Specialty Grocery

STONEWALL KITCHEN / VERMONT COFFEE COMPANY

- Price increase effective November 10 due to rising coffee market costs.
- Arabica beans have increased 39% since August, driven by severe drought, erratic rainfall, and cold snaps in Brazil.
- Elevated pricing is expected to continue and may rise further.

HERB CRAFT

- Packaging has transitioned from glass bottles to cans.
- Pack size and pricing remain unchanged.

THE BREAD SHED

- Orders for The Bread Shed now being accepted.
- All SKUs will begin as special order until consistent usage is established.
- Orders placed by end of day Monday will arrive at BRP on the following Tuesday.

#TTH38 Pretzel Classic Bites Frz 875/.55 oz

#TTH44 Pretzel Stick Spent Grain Frz 240/1.8 oz

#TTH40 Pretzel Spent Grain Frz 60/7 oz

Dairy / Cheese

GREEN MOUNTAIN BLUE CHEESE

- Three new wedges due 11/14:
- Madison Blue Wedge (#ATL60), 6/5 oz
- Gore Dawn Zola Wedge (#ATL62), 6/5 oz
- Boucher Blue Wedge (#ATR24), 6/5 oz

JASPER HILL FARM

- Winnimere #GR472:
- First batch of the seasonal, bark-wrapped, washed-rind cheese now available. Flavor profile includes bacon, sweet cream, and spruce.

Dairy / Cheese *continued*

VERMONT CREAMERY

- New flavor chèvre log: Maple Chipotle, #ATF52, 12/4 oz
- Mascarpone, #J4376 and #N7292, currently experiencing production issues.
- Upcoming gaps are possible.

Tuesday

WOODLAWN CREAMERY

- Black River Produce is now stocking three world-class, award-winning farmstead cheeses from Woodlawn Creamery:
- Pawlet, #ARW94 (10 lb wheel)
- Rupert, #ARW88 (10 lb wheel)
- Southwind, #ARW82 (20 lb wheel)
- Pawlet Wedge, #ARW96 (6/8 oz)
- Rupert Wedge, #ARW90 (6/8 oz)
- Southwind Wedge, #ARW84 (6/8 oz)

Produce

BLACKBERRIES CV/OG

- **Market conditions escalated.**
- Production remains active in Central Mexico (CMEX) and Baja with good availability.
- Quality is strong overall; recent heat, rain, and humidity have caused occasional soft fruit and minor red cell/color reversion.
- Growers continue monitoring weather-related impacts to maintain consistency.

BLUEBERRIES CV/OG

- Production continues in Central Mexico (CMEX) with steady supplies.
- Arrivals from Peru are increasing and helping stabilize overall availability.
- Mexican quality remains strong with good sizing and bloom.
- Market stability has improved as arrivals balance demand.

BROCCOLI CV/OG

- Quality remains acceptable, though supplies are limited.
- Transition to Yuma underway, with improvements expected in the coming weeks.
- Reports continue of browning, pin rot, and insect larvae.
- Some prorates remain in place.
- Mexico-grown broccoli has improved with stronger yields.
- Salinas weather and late-season harvesting continue to affect yields and quality.
- Organic broccoli remains at the Extreme Trigger level.
- Yields will remain challenged through transition.

BRUSSELS SPROUTS

- **Market conditions extreme.**
- Supplies remain extremely limited.
- Some growers continue to struggle with yields after pulling early to cover prior demand.
- Insect pressure and internal browning still reported, though overall quality is acceptable.
- Market remains at the Extreme Trigger.
- Growers holding to 10-week averages when possible, with prorates occurring.

CAULIFLOWER CV/OG

- Quality is fair, and supplies are extremely tight.
- Growers continue to battle insect pressure and are holding to averages where possible.
- Some growers have begun prorating; market remains at extreme levels.
- Weather-related issues continue to affect harvesting and quality.

CELERY CV/OG

- Quality remains good, but supplies are extremely tight.
- Market pricing continues to rise.
- Demand increasing due to the approaching holidays and peak football season usage.

CUCUMBERS:

- Market remains unchanged.
- Domestic supply out of North Carolina and Tennessee is slowly improving.
- Quality is outstanding in the west and fair in the east.
- Some Vermont grown products are beginning to come into the market for both supers and selects.

GARLIC (PEELED)

- Market remains unchanged. California crop harvest underway, improving supply outlook.
- Quality remains good, though availability remains restricted to current commitments until growers have time to evaluate this crop.

GRAPES

- Fall production continues from California with steady demand.
- Quality is mixed due to recent rains.
- Covered crops show fewer issues; uncovered fruit has more challenges, including splits on reds and waterberry, ambering, and smaller sizing on greens.

LETTUCE

- **Market conditions extreme.**
- Lettuce quality remains fair, and supplies are extremely tight.
- Widespread prorates continue, sometimes at extreme levels.
- Ongoing signs of INSV, lighter weights, and ribbiness.
- Additional rain may cause production gaps over the next few weeks.
- Market remains highly active.
- Weather-related challenges continue to affect yields through transition.

LETTUCE, ROMAINE AND ROMAINE HEARTS

- Quality remains fair, but supplies are extremely tight.
- Market continues trending higher due to strong demand.
- Issues reported: bruising, mechanical damage, light weights, fringe burn, and light cupping.
- Very limited heart material available.
- Prorates remain frequent and sometimes severe.
- Weather continues to impact harvest and quality.
- Yields expected to remain challenged through transition.

LEMONS CV/OG

- Small lemons remain very limited.
- Most crops are sizing larger, creating continued challenges for smaller counts.

LIMES

- Supply remains steady across all sizes.
- Quality expected to be mixed over the next few weeks..

MELONS

- Cantaloupe: Quality has remained good following the rains, though additional cleanup has been required due to mud/dirt.
- Honeydew: Production is extremely limited.
- Fewer domestic plantings occur in fall due to weather volatility, leading to heavier reliance on Mexican imports.
- Crossings through Nogales have increased, easing market pressure slightly.
- Seasonal scarring and surface mud/dirt remain common.

ONIONS

- Market expected to remain stable throughout Q4.
- With harvest concluding, all product will now come from Pacific Northwest storage.
- Modest increases are possible, but no major movement is expected.
- Supply, quality, and pricing should remain steady barring unforeseen disruptions.

ORANGES CV/OG

- Market remains unchanged.
- Smaller sizes remain limited, and pricing continues to rise as demand exceeds supply.
- Mid-range sizes (88s and 72s) are more available but also command a premium as buyers shift focus.
- Larger fruit (56s and above) remains particularly short, adding further pressure to the market.
- Overall fruit quality is excellent, with strong color, firmness, and consistency across packs.

PEPPERS

- Market remains unchanged.
- Regionally grown green and red bushel peppers remain strong.
- Pricing relief noted on imported 11 lb conventional and organic peppers.
- Quality has been good and stable.

POTATOES (IDAHO)

- Supply for the remainder of the year will be fully supported by storage.
- Sizing and availability remain strong.
- Long-term outlook mirrors last season: a soft market until late spring, followed by expected tightening.

RASPBERRIES CV/OG

- Production continues across CMEX and Baja with improving availability.
- Quality remains good, though recent heat, rainfall, and humidity have caused isolated soft or overripe fruit.
- Harvest schedules are being adjusted to maintain consistent pack quality.

SPINACH

- Supplies remain limited but show improvement as Yuma production ramps up.
- Quality improving overall, though some reports continue of weak texture, discoloration, and wilting.

STRAWBERRIES CV/OG

- **Market conditions have escalated.**
- Rain forecast from Thursday through Monday in Oxnard and Santa Maria is expected to impact production.
- Growers harvesting ahead of storms where possible.
- Oxnard fruit remains strong with full color and consistent sizing.
- Rain likely to increase lighter coloration, white shoulders, and variability in size and shape.
- CMEX production continues to build but not at a pace sufficient to offset California's seasonal decline or current demand levels.
- Pricing expected to rise, with quality impacts likely during this weather period.

SUGAR SNAP & SNOW PEAS

- Guatemalan supplies remain extremely limited due to adverse weather, with little improvement expected until late November.
- Peruvian volumes remain low due to seasonal patterns.
- Domestic availability also tight.
- Pricing remains elevated as demand far exceeds supply.
- Early Mexican production has begun, but volumes remain insufficient to stabilize supply.
- Yields remain challenged through transition

TOMATOES

- Market remains unchanged.
- Steady supply of rounds and romas from Alabama, North Carolina, Virginia, and Tennessee.
- Upper Midwest, Pennsylvania, and Michigan slowing for the season.
- Quality mixed but improving with drier weather supporting more consistent harvests.

New / Reactivated /Changed Codes

Reminders

New Soft Pretzel Items

TTH38	Pretzel Classic Bites Frz	875/.55 oz	The Bread Shed, New Hampshire	Special Order
TTH44	Pretzel Stick Spent Grain Frz	240/1.8 oz	The Bread Shed, New Hampshire	Special Order
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New Tinned Fish Items:

TTJ26	Octopus in Olive Oil Canned,	12/3.9oz	Portomar	In stock.
TTJ34	Smoked Mussels in Olive Oil Canned,	10/4oz	Portomar	In stock.
TTJ36	Sardines Small in Olive Oil Canned,	10/4oz	Portomar	In stock.
TTL72	White Tuna In Olive Oil,	8/64.4oz	Ortiz,	In stock.
TTL74	White Tuna in Olive Oil,	12/3.9oz	Ortiz	In stock.

Paris Gourmet- New Stocked Item:

ARW22	Hot Chocolate Mix	6/2.2lb	Cocoa Noel	In stock.
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Paris Gourmet- New Special Order Items!

#RL222	Raspberry Macaron Frozen,	3/12ct	Jean Noel	
#RL226	Vanilla Macaron Frozen,	3/12ct	Jean Noel	
#RL230	Chocolate Macaron Frozen	3/12ct	Jean Noel	
#RL240	Pistachio Macaron Frozen	3/12ct	Jean Noel	
#APA36	Pistachio Éclair Frozen	6/5ct	Jean Noel	
#RG708	Dark Chocolate Eclair Frozen	6/5ct	Jean Noel	
#RG710	Raspberry Eclair Frozen	6/5ct	Jean Noel	
#VL892	Butter Sheets Unsalted 82%	10/2.2lb	Buerre de Tourage	
#VL878	Tart shell Sweet Rond 2" Cooked	1/144ct	Moda	

Seasonal Reminders

VERMONT GROWN POINSETTIAS

- From Sam Mazza Farm.
- Requires 72-hour advance order.
- First available delivery 11.25.25.
- While supplies last.
- Standard delivery days and minimums apply.

#EL182	4" Poinsettia	1 ea
#EL860	6" Poinsettia	1 ea
#EL184	8" Poinsettia	1 ea
#EL186	10" Poinsettia	1 ea



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