



# MARKET UPDATES

Week of December 21, 2025



## Christmas Hours:

### **Wednesday, December 24:**

Last call will be 6pm on Wednesday for deliveries on Friday, December 26 (or later).

If you would like an order delivered on Friday, December 26, you must place the order by 6pm on Wednesday.

## Important Reminder

### **Christmas Day, December 25:**

Closed. (No deliveries — no customer service — no orders processed.)

### **Friday, December 26:**

Business as usual, standard hours.

## New Year's Hours:

### **New Year's Eve, December 31:**

Business as usual, standard hours.

### **New Year's Day, January 1:**

Business as usual, standard hours.

## Seafood

### **SEASONAL SPOTLIGHT - STOCKED FOR THE WEEK!**

- This week's seasonal spotlight items are:
- #EH040, Steelhead Trout 1.5-2 Lb fillet, Canada
- #GP321 Whole Branzini 1.25-1.75 Lb. Ea., Turkey
- Available Dec 24,26,27.
- Both items available December, 24,26 and 27.
- 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**

- Prices remain strong with tight supplies.

### **HALIBUT FILLET**

- Pricing expected to remain strong through year end
- Minor incremental increases anticipated.

### **FAROE ISLAND SALMON**

- Price increase of \$0.70 per pound went into effect on deliveries beginning 12/16.

### **FRESH TUNA LOINS (#1 & 2+)**

- Slight price increase in effect.

### **ICELANDIC FISH (COD & HADDOCK)**

- Price increases in effect on cod loins, cod fillets, haddock large skin-on, and haddock large skinless.
- Seasonal pricing pressure compounded by severe winter weather.
- Supplies expected to remain limited until after the New Year.

### **ORCA BAY MAHI MAHI**

- #F7904, Retail Pack 12 x 10 oz) Currently unavailable due to extremely low harvest.
- Vendor not packing at this time. No ETA available.

### **U15 SCALLOPS**

- Limited harvest of larger sizes.
- Supplies expected to be sporadic.

## Specialty Grocery

### **THE BREAD SHED**

- All SKUs now stocked.
- Product will be stored in the offsite freezer meaning orders require a 4pm cutoff.

### **SUN NOODLE**

- Two new soup bases now in stock for the winter season.
- #ACV12 – Soup Base Tonkotsu Pork Ramen, 8/64 oz
- #ACV14 – Soup Base Shoyu, 6/66.6 oz
- Complements existing Miso Base (#WA218) and Noodle (#WA170) offerings.

### **ALL SEASONINGS**

- Pack size changes implemented on select SKUs.
- New codes created to reflect updated pack sizes.
- Old pack sizes will be phased out.
- Items now purchased by the case and sold as 12-count cases or 1-count splits.
- Care should be taken to avoid shipping full cases when eaches are ordered.

### **DOT – PAREXCELLENCE PARBOILED RICE**

- Parexcellence Parboiled Rice (#WC702 / #WC703)
- 6 x 10 lb parboiled rice has been discontinued by the vendor.
- Existing inventory will be sold through prior to code deactivation.
- Replacement item currently under review.

## Dairy / Cheese

### GRAFTON VILLAGE CHEESE

- Clothbound Cheddar, #AM076 and Shepsog, #EJ310 are back in stock after a gap in supply.

### JASPER HILL FARM

- Bayley Hazen Blue #R0340, vendor is experiencing production issues that are expected to last into the new year.
- Culinary Grade Bayley Hazen #WB832 is available as a sub.

### CHAMPLAIN VALLEY CREAMERY

- Reminder: Cases of the Triple Cream and the Triple Truffle will no longer be split. Both will now be sold by the case only.
- Inactive codes are:
  - #FH563, Champlain Valley Triple Cream 1/4oz
  - #FH567, Champlain Valley Triple Truffle 1/4oz

### VERMONT CREAMERY

- Vendor is experiencing continued production issues with their cream supply. This will potentially have an effect on a number of their products including Crème Fraiche, Mascarpone, and butter.

### GREEN MOUNTAIN BLUE CHEESE

- Retail wedges now available on all three blue cheeses.
- #ATR24 – Boucher Blue Wedge, 6/5oz
- #ATL60 – Madison Blue Wedge, 6/5 oz
- #ATL62 – Gore Dawn Zola Wedge, 6/5oz



## Back in Stock!

Shepsog &

Clothbound Cheddar



## New / Reactivated /Changed Codes

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#ACV12	Soup Base Tonkotsu Pork Ramen	8x64oz	Sun Noodle
#ACV14	Soup Base Shoyu	6/66.6 oz	Sun Noodle

### All Seasonings, Pack Change

#### New Code

#AVV38	Coriander whole	12 x 9.44oz (old code EL034 1x7oz)
#TAD16	Basil leaves whole	12 x 5.5oz (old code EH754 1x6oz)
#TAD22	Chive chopped	12 x 3oz (old code EH804 1x1.5oz)
#TAD24	Seasoning Italian	12 x 5oz (old code WC624 1x6oz)
#AWA28	Sage ground	12 x 8oz (old code ET424 1x12oz)
#AWB36	Cumin ground	12 x 13.5oz (old code WC608 1x6oz)

To order an individual unit, you now must order a split.

### Reminders

#ATR24	Boucher Blue Wedge	6/5oz	Green Mountain Blue Cheese
#ATL62	Gore Dawn Zola Wedge	6/5oz	Green Mountain Blue Cheese
#ATL60	Madison Blue Wedge	6/5 oz	Green Mountain Blue Cheese
#CP554	Popcorn Shoots, Fresh	6/5 oz	Fresh Origins

## Discontinued / De-activated Codes

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#WC702	Rice Parboiled	6x10 Lb		
#WC703	Rice Parboiled	1x10 Lb		
#FH563	Champlain Valley Triple Cream	1/4 Oz	CVC	Splits no longer avail. Full case only.
#FH567	Champlain Valley Triple Truffle	1/4 Oz	CVC	Splits no longer avail. Full case only.

# Now Stocking!

## Soft Pretzels



#AVR56	Pretzel Bite Soft Spent Grain	6x145 ea	4pm Cutoff
#AVR60	Pretzel Soft Jumbo Classic 9oz	6x8ea	4pm Cutoff
#TTH40	Pretzel Spent Grain Std Frz	60/7 oz	4pm Cutoff
#TTH38	Pretzel Bite Classic Frz	875/ .55oz	4pm Cutoff



**BREAD SHED**

New Hampshire



# Produce

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## BLACKBERRIES CV/OG

- **Market conditions remain escalated.**
- Production remains active in Central Mexico (CMEX) and Baja with good availability.
- Overall quality remains strong.
- Some softness and red cell/color reversion reported due to recent heat, rain, and humidity.

## BLUEBERRIES CV/OG

- Market remains unchanged.
- 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

- Market remains unchanged.
- Quality is fair; supplies remain very limited.
- Rain-related delays and insect issues (browning, pin rot, larvae) continue.
- Some growers remain on prorates.
- Organic broccoli remains at the Extreme Trigger.
- Additional supply pressure expected through the holiday period.

## BRUSSELS SPROUTS

- **Market conditions remain extreme.**
- Supplies extremely limited with reduced yields and ongoing insect pressure.
- Internal browning reported; overall quality remains marginal.
- Severe prorates continue; growers covering roughly 50% of weekly averages.
- Mexican production expected mid-December, but supply and quality challenges likely through Jan 2026.

## CAULIFLOWER CV/OG

- Market remains unchanged.
- Quality is good with improving supplies.
- Market has moved off extreme levels.
- Holiday demand may continue to challenge yields.

## CELERY CV/OG

- Market remains unchanged.
- Good quality, but supplies remain extremely tight.
- Pricing continues upward due to holiday and football-season demand.
- Weather issues continue to impact yields and availability.

## CUCUMBERS:

- Market remains unchanged.
- Steady supply and strong quality through Otay, Nogales, and McAllen.
- Domestic production shifting to South Florida after weather-related losses in Georgia.

## GRAPES

- Market remains unchanged.
- California fall production concluded following recent storms; reliance now on storage fruit.
- Strong holiday demand pushed prices higher.
- Mixed quality expected for the remainder of the season, including shatter, waterberry, and reduced shelf life.

## GREEN BEANS

- **Market conditions remain escalated.**
- Post-Thanksgiving demand slowdown has pressured pricing downward.
- Steady supply from Florida as new fields are harvested.
- Crossings remain consistent through McAllen and Nogales.
- Stable markets expected into Christmas and New Year's pull.

## LETTUCE

- Market remains unchanged.
- Iceberg: Quality acceptable but supplies tight; light weights and harvest delays due to rain.
- Romaine & Hearts: Tight supplies; reports of bruising, mechanical damage, fringe burn, and limited heart material.
- Red & Green Leaf: Fair quality with extremely limited supply; mildew and fringe burn noted.
- Weather-driven shortages and yield challenges expected through the holiday season.

## LEMONS CV/OG

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

## LIMES

- Market remains unchanged.
- Supply shifting toward larger sizes.
- Slight quality decline expected as older groves are harvested.
- Smaller sizes remain tight with continued FOB pressure.
- Some size and pricing volatility expected heading into the New Year.

## MELONS

- Market remains unchanged.
- 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.

## Produce *Continued*

### ONIONS

- Market remains unchanged.
- Pacific Northwest harvest wrapping up with storages full through March/April 2026.
- Robust supply with low starting prices and excellent quality.
- Holiday demand expected to increase retail and foodservice movement.
- Elevated freight out of Western Idaho and Washington expected to persist into January.

### ORANGES CV/OG

- Market remains unchanged.
- Blood oranges and Cara Caras now shipping.
- Early blood oranges may lack exterior blush, though internal color will be present.
- More traditional exterior coloration expected by mid-January.

### 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)

- Market remains unchanged.
- Harvest complete with storages full for the season.
- Large crop has driven prices lower at season start.
- Pricing expected to level as holiday demand increases.
- Elevated freight out of Eastern Idaho expected through year-end.

### RASPBERRIES CV/OG

- Market remains unchanged.
- Production active in CMEX and Baja with good availability.
- Quality remains strong overall.
- Some softness and overripe fruit reported due to weather-related humidity.

### SPINACH

- Market remains unchanged.
- 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

- Demand continues to exceed supply, though improvement expected within 10–14 days.
- CMEX, Florida, and Baja volumes increasing.
- Oxnard fall-planted spring crop beginning to ramp up as summer-planted fall crop declines.
- Quality recovering after recent rain; some variability in size and color remains.
- Baja expected to gain significance after the New Year as volumes build.

### SUGAR SNAP & SNOW PEAS

- Market remains unchanged.
- 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.

### ZUCCHINI / YELLOW SQUASH

- Markets mixed due to cold weather impacts in the East.
- Georgia season winding down ahead of the holiday pull.
- Steady crossings through Nogales and McAllen.
- Demand transitioning to South Florida for winter production.

## Holiday Decorating Made Easy.



Begonia Hearts Mix™  
#TH370 2-5 days lead time.



Micro Bulls Blood  
#VT816 2-5 days lead time.



Rose Little Red Corvette™  
#VK608 2-5 days lead time.



Fresh Origins  
SKU list > > >

