



MARKET UPDATES

Week of January 26, 2026



Seafood

SEASONAL SPOTLIGHT - STOCKED FOR THE WEEK!

- This week's seasonal spotlight items are:
- #WA110 Hamachi Fillet Frozen 5-6 Lb. Source: Japan.
- #WA114 Gyoza Pork Potsticker Frozen 20/12 Ct., Source: USA
- 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>

LIVE LOBSTER

- Currently only keep 1 ½ Lb live lobsters in stock in limited amounts.
- All other hard-shell sizes are a late line..

ORCA BAY

- #F9704 Mahi portions 12/10oz - temporarily out of stock. No ETA.

SCALLOPS DRY

- Slight price increase.

NAKED TRUTH

- Vendor is temporarily out of stock on cod portions, #GH488. No ETA.
- Vendor has discontinued salmon portions, #GH482.

CHILEAN SEA BASS FILLET

- #WA666 is back in stock.

SWORD LOIN

- Pricing holding steady.

HALIBUT FILLET

- Slight up tick in price.

Meat

BLACK RIVER MEATS

- 1oz bulk maple links, #PP072, will be back in stock this week.

CAVENDISH GAME BIRDS

- Reminder: Cavendish Game Birds: no quail available until Feb 1.
- Next flock will not reach harvest size until that time.

Specialty Grocery

BAKERY DE FRANCE

- Hoagie rolls #EK426 are expected to gap until February 2 due to a vendor delay.
- A substitute has been brought in: #MC126 – Hoagie Roll, 8" Rustic Sliced (Costanzo's Bakery).

IMPOSTER FOODS

- Due to a vendor short, Vegan Everything Cream Cheese, #RN526, is out of stock due and is expected to gap for approximately two weeks.

G&C

- Ordering has resumed with G&C.
- Sub items will be phased out as inventory is depleted and transitions back to G&C codes occur.
- Item-level monitoring is recommended during the transition.
- Remember to update order guides.

KRINS BAKERY

- A new line of local baked goods will be launched shortly with first delivery expected January 29.
- Initial items include Vermont-made twist cookies, pecan sandies, and macaroons.
- Stay tuned for launch communication and POS materials.

Dairy / Cheese

PLYMOUTH ARTISAN CHEESE

- Farmer Fred's Favorite 1/8oz, WC496 was formerly known as East Meadow.
- Description has been updated in our system to Farmer Fred's Favorite.
- Same great cheese dipped in yellow wax.

MAPLEBROOK FARM

- Splits will no longer be available on Smoked Mozzarella 12/8oz, #EJ272. (The split code, #EJ273, is no longer available.)

CABOT CREAMERY

- Vendor had production issues last week on 17.5 Lb Strawberry and Plain Greek Yogurt Tubs.
- Supply will limited until Friday 1/30 on #TL932 (strawberry) and #TL934 (Plain).

Seasonal Reminders



Valentine's Made Easy



Oysters & Caviar ▪ Meats & Fine Cheeses
Roses & Floral ▪ Edible Flowers & Microgreens
Stem Strawberries ▪ Melting Chocolates



Pre-order floral and
stem strawberries.



Produce

ARUGULA

- Supplies remain limited.
- Reports continue of weak texture, discoloration, and wilting.
- Weather impacts have affected harvesting and quality.
- Yields expected to remain challenging into January.

BLACKBERRIES CV/OG

- Market remains unchanged. Production remains active in Central Mexico and Baja with good availability.
- Overall quality is strong.
- Some softness and red cell/color reversion reported due to recent heat, rainfall, and elevated humidity.

BLUEBERRIES CV/OG

- Market remains unchanged.
- Steady production continues in Central Mexico.
- Availability remains good with strong quality and sizing.

BROCCOLI CV/OG

- Lighter volumes anticipated from California and Desert shippers next week.
- Cold nighttime temperatures are slowing growth.
- Slight price increases expected in the near term.

BRUSSELS SPROUTS

- Production remains limited with generally poor quality.
- Northern California season is concluding.
- Mexico production is slowly ramping up with limited early volumes and similar quality concerns.
- Market relief anticipated toward the end of the month.

CAULIFLOWER CV/OG

- Supplies expected to start the week lighter.
- Cooler temperatures in Santa Maria and Desert regions are slowing production.
- Pricing is rising rapidly, with limited availability anticipated.
- Shipper cuts and prorates are possible.

CELERY CV/OG

- Market conditions are improving after prolonged high pricing.
- Prices are trending downward.

CUCUMBERS:

- Market remains unchanged.
- Steady supply crossing through Nogales and McAllen.
- Overall quality remains strong.
- Domestic supply transitioning to South Florida following Georgia weather losses.

GRAPES

- Green seedless availability has improved on both coasts due to increased imports, though Western supplies remain tight.
- Offshore red seedless grapes remain limited, keeping markets firm through late January.
- Imported fruit is the primary option as domestic supplies have concluded.

GREEN BEANS

- Market remains unchanged.
- Post-holiday demand has softened.
- Stable supply expected from Mexico.
- Florida may experience weather-related slowdowns.
- Overall quality remains good; forecast steady through January.

LEMONS CV/OG

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

LETTUCE

- Market remains unchanged.
- Quality and supplies remain fair with light weights.
- Weather continues to impact harvesting and quality.
- Market remains active and may strengthen post-holiday.
- Monitoring ongoing for soilborne disease following heavy rains.
- Romaine and Hearts showing fair quality with bruising, mechanical damage, fringe burn, light weights, and limited heart material reported.

LIMES

- Market has escalated.
- Short supply expected due to holiday harvesting disruptions in Mexico.
- Larger fruit remains more available; slight quality decline expected as older crop finishes.
- New crop ramping slower than anticipated due to cooler Southern Mexico weather.
- Ongoing size and price vulnerability anticipated into January.

MELONS

- Market remains unchanged.
- Reduced arrivals for cantaloupe and honeydew due to weather impacts.
- Next growing regions expected to be ready mid-January.

MICROGREENS BASIL ITALIAN – FRESH ORIGINS

- #CP510, Italian Basil Microgreen supplies remain very limited for the next 2 weeks.

ONIONS

- Market remains unchanged.
- Pacific Northwest harvest completed.
- Strong supply position with predominantly jumbo sizing and adequate medium and colossal availability.
- Overall crop quality remains excellent with favorable growing conditions reported.

ORANGES CV/OG

- Navel markets remain firm.
- Strongest demand and pricing pressure is on 56-count and smaller sizes.
- 113- and 138-count sizes are particularly limited following recent weather impacts.
- Persistent fog and recent rain in the Central Valley have slowed harvest and created moisture-related quality challenges.
- Short-term supply constraints are likely as growers work through field conditions.

PEPPERS

- Market remains unchanged.
- Steady supply out of Nogales, McAllen, and South Florida.
- Quality remains good.

POTATOES (IDAHO)

- Market remains unchanged.
- Harvest completed with shipping now from storage.
- Current pricing remains depressed but expected to stabilize.
- Anticipation of tightening supply and firmer pricing later in the season.
- Overall crop remains comparable to last season.

RASPBERRIES CV/OG

- Market remains unchanged.
- Production active in Central Mexico and Baja; supplies tightening post-peak.
- Overall quality remains strong.
- Some softness and overripe fruit reported due to recent heat, rainfall, and humidity.

SCALLIONS

- Production continues to improve with favorable weather.
- Labor and logistical challenges in Mexico persist but are improving.
- Cooler (non-freezing) temperatures should support better quality and yields.
- Strong demand continues to pressure the market, with easing expected next week.

STRAWBERRIES CV/OG

- Oxnard continues recovery following recent rain events.
- Central Mexico is rebounding well after recent hail storms.
- Warmer weather is supporting fruit maturation.
- Overall quality has improved from fair to good.
- Sizing remains consistent, skewing regular to large.
- Santa Maria is expected to ramp earlier than anticipated due to favorable weather.
- Florida production has been strong but temporarily disrupted by wet conditions.
- Peak Florida production is anticipated in February, aligning with Valentine's Day demand.

SPINACH

- Market remains unchanged.
- Supplies remain limited. Ongoing issues with weak texture, discoloration, and wilting.
- Weather impact continues to challenge yields in January.

STRAWBERRIES CV/OG

- Market remains unchanged.
- Recent rainfall in California and Baja delaying harvest schedules. Additional weather expected to create continued disruptions.
- Supply supported through Central Mexico and Florida production.
- Florida volume slowly improving with cooler weather.
- California fall crop winding down; spring crop coming online to support winter supply.
- Overall quality improving with expected incremental volume gains into early 2026.

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

- Stable supply and good quality across Florida, McAllen, and Nogales.

New / Reactivated /Changed Codes

Krin's Bakery:

#AVP96	Cookie Mocha Chocolate Twist	12x6oz	Krin's Bakery
#AVP92	Cookie Pecan Sandie	12x4oz	Krin's Bakery
#AVP94	Cookie Mint Chocolate Twist	12x6oz	Krin's Bakery
#AWA44	Macaroon 2 pack	24x2.25	Krin's Bakery
#AVV36	Cookie Vanilla Chocolate Twist	12x6oz	Krin's Bakery
#AWA38	Macaroon Box 6 count	12x6.75oz	Krin's Bakery
#AVP98	Cookie Lemon Twist	12x6oz	Krin's Bakery



Reminder:

#PC787	Green Sriracha	1/17oz	Roland Foods	Now available as split.
#PC791	Spicy Sriracha	1/17oz.	Roland Foods	Now available as split.
#12634	Coconut Shredded	5/2lb		Code for new pack size.
#12635	Coconut Shredded	1/2lb		Code for new pack size.

Discontinued / De-activated Codes

#GH486	Truth Salmon keta wild	12/12oz	Naked Truth
#G8332	Coconut Shredded	10/1lb	Code discontinued due to pack size change..
#G8333	Coconut Shredded	1/1lb	Code discontinued due to pack size change.



Landing January 29
Made in Vermont.