



MARKET UPDATES

Week of February 16, 2026



Seafood

SEASONAL SPOTLIGHT - STOCKED FOR THE WEEK!

- This week's seasonal spotlight items are:
- Steelhead Trout Fillet, 1.5 Lb. Lb. (#EH040). Source Canada.
- Canadian Salmon Fillet 3 - 4 Lb, 12 Lb. Cs. (#WB678). Source: Bay of Fundy.
- Both itmes available for deliveries all week long.
- Advance notice is appreciated to ensure we pull enough inventory to meet demand.

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

OYSTERS

- Supplies remain limited on some varieties.

FAROE ISLAND SALMON

- Slight price increase

LIVE LOBSTER

- Price increase.

ORCA BAY

- The following items are temporarily out of stock with no ETA:
- Mahi Portions 12x10 oz (#F9704).
- Perch Ocean Fillets 12x10 oz (#EJ108).

SWORDFISH

- Market holding firm.

HALIBUT FILLET

- Market holding firm.



We provide both wild and farm
be assured that they are both he

WHY IS SALMON SO AWESOME?

Salmon is delicious and a staple for many. Both wild and farmed salmon are excellent sources of nutrients. Here are our favorite healthy benefits about salmon:

- Low in fat and high in healthy protein
- Rich in omega-3 fatty acids
- Salmon is an excellent source of Omega-3 fatty acids, both in the wild and farmed. Research on these fatty acids has shown that they:
- Promote healthy heart and brain development
- Boost a baby's brain and eye development
- Reduce the risk of heart attack
- Help reduce depression and dementia

As part of our commitment to you, Black River Produce's commitment to Agriculture Canada has enabled us to maintain the highest standards of safety and quality. We have received that it is truly the species of salmon that makes the biggest difference in nutritional quality.



Learn More

Specialty Grocery

STONEWALL KITCHEN

- Stonewall Kitchen honeycomb (#GK900) has been discontinued by vendor.
- Replacement item: Maison De Choix Honeycomb 12x7 oz (#AWJ72). Split 7 oz (#AWJ73) is available.
- Old item (#GK900) is set to auto-sub to #AWJ73.

ORCHID ISLAND

- Price increase effective February 16 on juices containing lemon or pineapple due to rising raw material costs.

VERMONT SOY

- Production temporarily halted due to equipment failure.
- Inventory remains strong.
- No gap is anticipated at this time.

Meat

Overall beef markets continue to trend towards higher pricing as limited supplies favor the packers in the current market.

BLACK RIVER MEATS

- Production is pushed back one day due to the holiday.
- Next order is expected to land Wednesday, February 18.
- Beef Chuck Shoulder Clod 4/7 lb - (#WC430) Back in stock.

BRM - BONELESS HALF HAMS

- 2/6 lb Vermont Grown Boneless half hams (#WA582) are back in stock.
- Will remain stocked moving forward.

NORTH COUNTRY SMOKEHOUSE

- Turkey Oven Roasted Organic 12/6 oz (#WD060) expected to gap until mid-March due to turkey supplier shortages.

MARX FOODS

- The following frozen quail items are expected to gap until the end of February:
Quail Leg Lollipop Frenched (#WB952) Quail Semi Boneless Jumbo Avg. 6.5 oz (#WB162)

FARMERS & COOKS

- Mechanical issues that caused recent shorts of Brisket Pastrami (#WB254) and Cubano Pork Roast (#EG956) have been resolved.
- Product is expected to land Thursday, February 19.

Dairy / Cheese

BARN FIRST CREAMERY

- Vendor is seasonally out of all soft ripened cheeses.
- Cowles (#WA168).
- Urdang (#EK642).
- Briebea (#EJ934).
- Quinby (#WA166).

PLYMOUTH ARTISAN CHEESE

- Price increase across the line effective this week due to rising production costs.

GREEN MOUNTAIN FARMS

- Cream Cheese Plain Portion Cup 100/1 oz (#91308) is being discontinued by vendor due to farm closure.
- Replacement is currently being sourced.

JASPER HILL FARM – LITTLE HOSMER

- Pre-order form for limited edition Seasonal Cheeses Withersbrook and Port Washed Harbison are now available.
- Little Hosmer will be discontinued by early April.
- Production is shifting to Moses Sleeper 8 oz.

A note from Jasper: "Little Hosmer was intended to be an affordable small format Brie-style option for consumers, but this has not translated on the shelf, and it is very cumbersome to produce. Our new Moses Sleeper 8oz flows better with our existing production methods and can thus deliver an everyday low price we're excited about - with

Seasonal Reminders

JASPER HILL FARM

- Pre-order form for limited edition Seasonal Cheeses Withersbrook and Port Washed Harbison are now available at BlackRiverProduce.com or via QR code.
- Orders due March 6, 2026 for deliveries in May/June.
- Learn all about these wonderful limited edition cheeses and pre-order here. >>>



New / Reactivated Codes

Reminder

#AWJ72	Honeycomb	12/7oz	Maison de Choix -Paris Gourmet
#AWJ73	Honeycomb	1/7oz	Maison de Choix-Paris Gourmet
#BAL86	Jam Mixed Seasonal Variations	75 x 1.5oz	Sidehill Farm (New. late line).



Discontinued / Deactivated Codes

#91308	Cream Cheese Plain Portion Cup 100/1oz	Green Mountain Farms
#GK900	Honeycomb	Stonewall Kitchen

Produce

ASPARAGUS

- Supplies have declined significantly and will remain very limited for the next two to three weeks.
- Peruvian season is nearly complete and will not resume until late March or April.
- Cooler weather in Caborca is restricting Mexican production; only large sizes are currently available.
- Size substitutions and prorates are likely.
- Supply is expected to gradually improve as Mexican production rebounds and weather stabilizes.

ARUGULA

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

BLACKBERRIES CV/OG

- Market remains unchanged.
- Good overall availability from Central Mexico and Baja.
- Quality is good, with some softness and color reversion reported.

BLUEBERRIES CV/OG

- Market remains unchanged.
- Central Mexico volumes are trending down from seasonal peak.
- Quality and sizing remain strong.

BROCCOLI CV/OG

- Market remains unchanged.
- Supplies have tightened.
- Quality issues include browning and pin rot.
- Prorates should be expected.

BRUSSELS SPROUTS

- Market remains unchanged.
- Supplies remain limited but are improving.
- Insect pressure and internal browning persist.
- Some market relief expected within two weeks.

CAULIFLOWER CV/OG

- Supplies are tight.
- Market remains at an extreme level.

CARROT CV/OG

- Market remains unchanged.
- Baby, cello, and jumbo carrots are limited due to rain-impacted harvesting.
- Prorates should be expected.
- Availability likely limited for the next two to three weeks.

CELERY CV/OG

- Market remains unchanged.
- Supplies are extremely tight.
- Prorates expected on value-added items through mid-February.
- Carton celery is being held to strict averages.

CUCUMBERS

- Market is steady to firm depending on region.
- Eastern demand continues to rely on Honduran imports.

GREEN BEANS

- Market remains unchanged.
- Florida supplies are extremely limited following freeze damage.
- Market volatility expected over the next several weeks.

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

- Supplies are steady out of Mexico, Colombia, and Peru.
- Size profile remains skewed smaller.
- Price and size volatility expected through March.

MELONS

- Market remains unchanged.
- Reduced demand has helped stabilize supplies.
- Anticipated production gaps may be delayed.

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

- Market remains unchanged.
- 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.

PEARS

- Market remains unchanged. D'Anjou availability is tight and limited to U.S. #1 fruit.
- Bartlett and Bosc pears are currently gapping until new crop.

PEPPERS

- Market remains unchanged. Green bell pepper market has leveled off.
- Colored bell peppers remain elevated across all colors.

PINEAPPLES

- Market remains tight despite slight easing.
- Demand continues to support pricing.

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

- Supplies are tightening as production moves past peak.
- Quality remains good with some softness reported.

SCALLIONS

- Supplies are extremely limited.
- Yields expected to remain challenging through mid-February.

STRAWBERRIES CV/OG

- Demand continues to outpace supply.
- Florida volumes remain very limited following frost.
- West Coast spring crops are beginning to support supply.

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

- Demand continues to exceed supply due to seasonal transitions and Valentine's Day demand.
- Overall quality remains good.
- Volumes are expected to increase gradually as weather conditions improve.
- Overall availability remains tight as Florida volumes decline following recent frost.
- Oxnard and Santa Maria fall crops are winding down.
- Spring crops in Oxnard and Santa Maria are beginning production and supporting winter supply.
- Baja conventional and organic volumes are increasing.
- Central Mexico production remains steady but has tapered from recent peaks.
- Florida volumes are expected to remain very limited for several weeks before gradual recovery.

SUGAR SNAP & SNOW PEAS

- Supplies are expected to remain limited for 14–21 days due to weather impacts.

TOMATOES

- Round and Roma markets are firm to limited.
- Mexico remains the primary source for volume.
- Grape tomato pricing remains elevated.

ZUCCHINI / YELLOW SQUASH

- Supplies are very short in Florida and lighter through Nogales.
- Additional supply issues expected following recent cold

