



# MARKET UPDATES

Week of March 9, 2026



## Seafood

### SEASONAL SPOTLIGHT

- This week's seasonal spotlight items are:
- Artic Char Fillet 1 - 2 Lb. 10 Lb. Source Iceland. #AR984. Available all week long.
- Whole Snapper 1 - 2 Lb. Each. Source varies. #NW880. Available 3/12, 3/13, 3/14
- 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>

### SWORDFISH

- Slight price increase.

### HALIBUT FILLET

- Price holiday firm.

### PERCH OCEAN FILLETS

- Perch Ocean Fillets 12x10 oz (#EJ108) are temporarily out of stock.
- ETA is five to seven weeks.

### ICELANDIC COD FILLETS

- Reminder: Slight price increase on cod fillet /cod loins.

### CHARR FILLET

- Slight price decrease

### ORCA BAY

- Reminder: Mahi Portions 12x10 oz (#F9704). are temporarily out of stock with no ETA.
- Here is a note from our Mahi vendor to help shed light on the current market: *"Unfortunately the South American season has also been a complete bust, and most fishing ended well before the quota was caught as there were no fish being landed. This species is still in extraordinarily tight supply; we are awaiting quotes from suppliers in both Asia and South America to try and get anything here that is becoming available."*

## New / Reactivated Codes

Reminder:

#BBT70	Chips Sweet Potato Hot Honey	24x1.5oz
#BCB32	Beef chuck shoulder top blade	4/3lb avg
#WC430	Beef Shoulder Clod Heart	4/7lb avg
#AVB90	Hummus, Frozen	4 x 8 Lb

## Specialty Grocery

### UGLIES CHIPS

- Reminder: New code created for Sweet Potato Hot Honey 24x1.5 oz (#BBT70).
- Available via special order only.
- Orders follow standard DOT schedule.

### IMPOSTER FOODS

- Reminder: Coming Soon! Vendor has launched Vegan Cream Cheese retail pack sizes in plain, everything, jalapeño, and cinnamon sugar.
- Pack size is 6x8 oz in retail-ready deli containers.
- New item codes are currently being created.

## Meat

### BLACK RIVER MEATS - NEW ITEMS

- Reminder: Beef Chuck Shoulder Top Blade 4/3 lb avg (#BCB32) is now available. This sought after butcher's cut has many uses. It is known for being a braising cut but can also be broken down into a flat iron steak for grilling.
- Beef Shoulder Clod Heart 4/7 lb avg (#WC430) is now available.
- A versatile shoulder cut packed with flavor, this is a lean cut commonly used for whole roasts, cube steaks, or stew/stir fry.
- Trim from this cut makes a flavor bomb burger.
- Also adds a touch of sophistication and authenticity to any retail display case.

Uglies Potato Chips	<b>New Special Order.</b>
Black River Meats	<b>New Stocked.</b>
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Just Cut	<b>New Stocked. Vermont!</b>

# Produce

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## ASPARAGUS

- Markets remain relatively steady despite reduced output due to cooler weather in Mexico and seasonal declines of Peruvian volumes.
- Supplies are expected to remain tight over the next 7–10 days.

## BLACKBERRIES CV/OG

- Production continues in Central Mexico and Baja with good availability.
- Quality remains good.
- Some softness and occasional red cell or color reversion reported due to recent heat, rain, and humidity.

## BLUEBERRIES CV/OG

- Central Mexico production remains active, but supplies are extremely tight.
- Volumes continue to decline and prorates are likely in the coming weeks.
- Regional unrest in Mexico is disrupting agricultural operations, labor availability, and transportation.
- Significant volume reductions are expected over the next 3–6 weeks.

## BROCCOLI CV/OG

- Supplies have tightened.
- Recent rain and warm weather in Yuma are contributing to quality issues.
- Browning and pin rot continue to be reported.
- Growers are holding to averages.

## BROCCOLINI

- Quality remains good.
- Supplies are extremely limited across most growers.
- Weather has impacted harvesting and quality.
- Some growers reporting prorates of approximately 20 percent.

## BRUSSELS SPROUTS

- Supplies and quality have improved.
- Insect pressure and internal browning continue in some lots, but overall quality is good.
- Market has stabilized and is no longer escalated.
- Supplies are expected to improve as growing regions transition.

## CAULIFLOWER CV/OG

- Market is currently at the extreme level.
- Supplies have tightened.
- Quality is fair.

## CARROTS

- Rainbow carrots remain steady with good quality and supply.
- Baby carrots, cellos, and jumbos remain limited due to continued rain events.
- Harvesting remains difficult due to muddy fields.
- Mexican volumes are declining seasonally but Canadian markets are emerging.
- Prorates should be expected until conditions improve, especially on jumbos and cellos.

## CELERY CV/OG

- Supplies remain limited. Quality is good.
- However, weather is impacting harvesting and quality.
- Growers are holding to strict averages on value-added and carton celery.
- Full relief is not expected until April.

## CORN

- Markets remain extremely high due to severe Florida crop losses from freeze conditions.
- Approximately 80 percent of the Florida production cycle has been lost.
- Mexican production remains light.
- Act of God declarations are being issued on program business.
- Markets are expected to remain volatile through April.
- Quality is fair at best with smaller ears and immature kernels reported as Florida growers salvage what they can from freeze.

## CUCUMBERS

- Florida supplies remain limited due to freeze damage.
- Supplies through Nogales and McAllen are lighter as production moves past peak.
- Quality is mixed.
- East Coast markets are relying on imports from Honduras and the Dominican Republic.
- Market volatility is expected through April.

## GREEN BEANS

- Florida production remains severely impacted by last month's freeze.
- Extreme shortages and market volatility continue.
- Act of God declarations are being issued as prices rise daily.
- Mexican production is also lighter due to cooler weather.
- Market shortfalls are expected through early April.

## LETTUCES

- Iceberg supplies and quality remain mediocre with light weights reported.
- Insect pressure, mildew damage, and cap leaves are impacting yields.
- Shelf-life concerns should be expected.
- Romaine and romaine hearts supplies are fair with quality concerns including bruising, fringe burn, and mildew.
- Romaine hearts are currently at the extreme trigger.
- Supplies are expected to tighten further into March.

## LEMONS CV/OG

- Small lemons remain limited.
- Most current crops are producing larger size structures.

### LIMES

- Supplies are lighter out of Mexico following cooler weather and rain in January.
- Size profile remains skewed toward smaller fruit, but expected to improve over the next 3-4 weeks.
- Quality is fair with some disease pressure impacting appearance and shelf life.
- Price and size volatility expected through March.

### MELONS

- Reduced demand during recent winter storms has helped stabilize supplies of cantaloupe and honeydew.
- Potential production gaps during growing region transitions may be delayed.

### ONIONS

- Market remains stable.
- Harvest has concluded so product will ship exclusively from Pacific Northwest storage.
- No significant market movement expected in the near term.
- Supplies and pricing continue to favor buyers barring any unforeseen disruptions.

### PEARS

- D'Anjou supply is tight and primarily limited to U.S. #1 fruit.
- Market remains stable with supply expected until new crop Bartletts arrive in August.
- Red D'Anjou availability is expected to remain moderate in U.S. #1 35-55 count sizes for another month.

### SUGAR SNAP AND SNOW PEAS

- Snow pea supplies from Guatemala remain good.
- Sugar snap availability has improved.
- Mexican volumes remain limited as growers transition between fields.

### TOMATOES

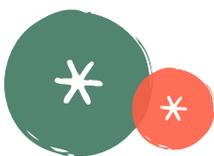
- Florida growers continue to assess freeze damage and salvage production.
- Act of God declarations are being issued by Florida suppliers.
- Size and variety substitutions may be required to manage supply disruptions.
- Markets are expected to remain volatile through early May.

### ZUCCHINI / YELLOW SQUASH

- Florida supplies remain very short following last month's freeze.
- Crossings through Nogales and McAllen are also lighter, pushing markets higher.
- Best quality remains out of Mexico.
- Markets are expected to remain volatile through March.



Sweet, delicious Pixies have landed. Order today!



#EK484 Pixie Tangerine 9 x 2 Lb



#WA986 Pixie Tangerine 8 x 3 Lb