



MARKET UPDATES

Week of May 25, 2026



Seafood

SEASONAL SPOTLIGHT

- This week's seasonal spotlight items are:
- Clam Strip Fresh Gallon, (# H4182)
- Source: USA
- Available for deliveries all week long.
- Whole Branzini (#GP321)
- Source: Mediterranean
- Available for deliveries May 28,29,30.
- 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>

FAROE ISLAND SALMON

- Slight price decrease.

DRY SCALLOPS

- Slight price decrease.

SWORDFISH

- Slight price decrease.

HALIBUT FILLET

- Price holding steady.

LOBSTERS

- Now stocking Live Hard Shell Lobsters, 1-1/4 Lb., (#EP094)

OYSTERS

- Reminder: PEI oysters (Beau Soleil, Savage Blonde, French Kiss) still expected to be very limited due to the devastating effect of MSX disease. The mortality rate has risen to 80% +. Farmers had hope that the cold winter would have killed the disease but that is not the case. This will put a strain on domestic oysters.
- To help fill the gap, BRP is bringing in new varieties including two new varieties being stocked this week.
- America's Royal Cup 100Ct (#HAC72). New!
- Lighthouse Queen 100Ct (#BEP12). New!

SOFTSHELL CRABS

- Reminder: Season has started; product available by pre-order only.
- Jumbo 18ct per box (#WC032) – sold by the box only.
- Prime 24ct per box (#WC034) – sold by the box only.

Specialty Grocery

SPICE SALE

- 4th annual spice sale ends May 31, 2026.
- Did you know that large competitive spice companies produce a couple of times per year and let the product sit on the shelf in their warehouses. BRP's spices are largely produced to order. That means our spices tend to be fresher, brighter and more flavorful.
- In addition to having every day low prices on BRP spices, the 4th annual spice sale is a great opportunity to save even more just in time for summer.

VERMONT TORTILLA

- There will be a 4+ week gap in product availability due to an additional change to production facilities.
- **Important:** Please refrain from entering any late lines for this vendor until we know an exact arrival date.
- Look to Maria and Ricardo's and/or All Souls as potential substitutes during the transition.

ORWASHERS

- Reminder: New item: Roll Ciabatta 4"x4" Square, 60ct, (#BGD06)

REAL GREEN

- Reminder: Gallons of Real Green dressing are in house for the season. Great for marinades and salad dressing.

Stocked
for
Season!



Meat

BOYDEN FARM

- Pack size change on the following items
- AFV46: Beef Strip Retail new size 12/1lb
- EV408: Beef For Stew new size 12/1lb
- JH270: Beef NY Strip Steak Boneless new size 8/10oz
- GR500: Beef Top Butt Sirloin new size 8/10oz
- JH434: Beef Ribeye Steak Boneless new size 8/10oz
- Also, please see the very important message from Boyden Farms below:



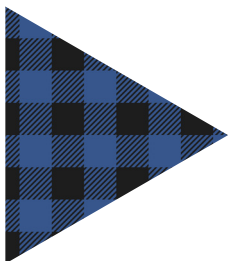
A letter from the Boyden family,

For five generations, the Boyden family has raised cattle in Vermont with a deep commitment to land stewardship, animal welfare, and producing exceptional beef. That legacy remains the foundation of everything we do today. As agriculture continues to evolve, so too must the way we sustain that legacy. After many years of hands-on farming, Mark Boyden is transitioning away from operating the original home farm at full scale. This decision reflects both the realities of modern farming and a long-standing strength of the Boyden program: a trusted network of local farm partners who have helped raise cattle to Boyden standards for years.

Today, Boyden Farm Beef is built on a cooperative of carefully selected farms across Vermont and the Northeast. These are producers who share the same commitment to humane animal care, pasture-based raising, and clean, responsible practices that have defined the Boyden name for generations.

This model is not new—it is an expansion of relationships that have been integral to the program’s success over time. As part of this transition, the flax-finishing program historically utilized on the home farm will be phased out. While flax offered certain nutritional benefits, it also resulted in a slightly darker, less vibrant lean color that could be inconsistent with customer expectations at the retail case. Moving forward, the program will focus on a consistent GrassPlus feeding approach across the cooperative, maintaining the balance of flavor, tenderness, and appearance that customers expect. Cattle are raised on grass and finished on a select grain ration to produce our signature GrassPlus Beef, offering the health benefits associated with grass-fed beef alongside the marbling and flavor profile customers expect from high-quality grain-finished programs.

Equally important, Boyden Farm Beef continues to own and operate the Montshire Packing House. This vertical integration ensures complete oversight from pasture to processing, maintaining the consistency, traceability, and quality our customers rely on. While the structure of the farm is evolving, the standards are not. The Boyden name remains a mark of accountability, now supported by a broader community of dedicated farmers working together to produce beef with integrity. This next chapter is not an ending, but a continuation—one that strengthens local agriculture, supports regional farms, and ensures that Boyden Farm Beef remains a trusted source of high-quality, responsibly raised beef for years to come.



Cheese & Dairy

CABOT CREAMERY, VERMONT

- Now stocking Greek yogurt quarts. Landing May 29.
- #HAD26 Greek Plain 2% 6/2lb
- #F9032, Greek Plain 10% 6/2lb
- #28084 Greek Vanilla Bean 2% 6/2lb
- #HAD98 Greek Vanilla Bean 10% Triple Cream 6/2lb
- #AND86 Greek Strawberry 10% Triple Cream 6/2lb

VON TRAPP FARMSTEAD, VERMONT

- Von Trapp Farmstead is gapping on Mt Alice brie style cheese (#WC286) until early to mid June.

5 GENERATIONS FARM

- Reminder: Quark bulk format 2/5lb (#BDE78) now in stock.

VERMONT CREAMERY

- Reminder: Strawberry Spritz Chevre 12/4oz (#EP564) now in stock for the season. Great on summer salads.

JASPER HILL FARM, VERMONT

- Withersbrook Blue 2x4lb. (#AGV70) now in stock for season. Limited supply.
- Withersbrook is the Bayley Hazen recipe in a square shape, soaked in Eden Ice Wine.
- Culinary Grade Alpha Tolman (#BEW78) now in stock.

MAPLEBROOK FARM, VERMONT

- Now stocking Fresh Mozzarella 20/12oz (#EP086) for the summer season.
- Last week for the Maplebrook's Caprese Season Kick Off sale! Maplebrook Mozzarella turns quickly out of our warehouse. That means it comes to you with plenty of shelf life making it easy to stock up on a few additional cases at a great price.
- Maplebrook is a local favorite with terrific brand recognition making it a winner to name on your summer menus.
- Sale In effect for deliveries May 1- 31. See sale in your Harvest Highlights flyer.

<https://blackriverproduce.com/deal-flyers/>

Sale Ends
5/31/26

Caprese Season **Kick off Sale!**




MAPLEBROOK
farm

May 1-31 in your Harvest Highlights and Retail Ad Planner! Ask your BRP associate for details.

New / Reactivated Codes

#AGV70	Withersbrook Blue	2x4lb.	Jasper Hill Farm	In stock for season. (Limited supply).
#BEW78	Culinary Grade Alpha Tolman		Jasper Hill Farm	Now in stock.
#EP564	Strawberry Spritz Chevre	12x4 oz	Vermont Creamery	Stocked for season.
#HAD26	Yogurt Greek Plain 2%	6/2b	Cabot Creamery	New. Landing 5/29.
#F9032	Yogurt Greek Plain 10%	6/2lb	Cabot Creamery	New. Landing 5/29.
#28084	Yogurt Greek Vanilla Bean 2%	6/2lb	Cabot Creamery	New. Landing 5/29.
#HAD98	Yogurt Greek Vanilla Bean 10%	6/2lb	Cabot Creamery	New. Landing 5/29.
#AND86	Yogurt Greek Strawberry 10%	6/2lb	Cabot Creamery	New. Landing 5/29.
#BGD06	Roll Ciabatta 4"x4" Square,	60ct	Orwashers	New item.
#BFB88	Virgin Bellini	6/4x6.09oz	Cipriani Foods	New. Now in stock.

La Rose Noire Tart Shells

#BFB78	Small Round Vanilla Tart Shell	125ct	La Rose Noire	New. Now in stock.
#BFA14	Large Round Vanilla Tart Shell	45ct	La Rose Noire	New. Now in stock.

Changed/Discontinued Codes

#T7310	White grapes			Discontinued code.
#EP502	White grapes			Replacement code.
#78922	Red grapes			Discontinued code.
#EP504	Red grapes			Replacement code.

Produce

BLACKBERRIES CV/OG

- Persistent heat beginning to impact fruit condition.
- Volumes remain steady.
- Watsonville conventional crop running slightly behind historical timing due to cooler weather.
- Organic program expected to be delayed 1–2 weeks, shifting from late June into early July.

BLUEBERRIES CV/OG

- Mexico entering final phase of peak production.
- Elevated volumes expected over the next two weeks before gradually declining through May and June.
- Domestic production expected to ramp up by late May, improving overall supply consistency.

BROCCOLI CV/OG

- Quality fair; supplies extremely limited.
- Browning and pin rot continue.
- Market continues to rise.
- Prorates and full cuts should be expected from some growers.

BROCCOLINI

- Quality good; supplies limited.

BRUSSELS SPROUTS

- Insect pressure and internal browning continue.
- Overall quality remains good.

CAULIFLOWER CV/OG

- Quality good; supplies extremely limited.

CARROTS

- Supplies tight on baby, cello, and jumbo carrots.
- Availability will remain limited until conditions improve in early May.

CELERY CV/OG

- Quality fair; supplies tightening.
- Disease pressure and increased demand driving higher pricing.
- Growers holding to averages.
- Elevated market expected to continue for 3–4 weeks.

Produce continued

CORN

- Steady supply from South Florida.
- Quality good.
- South Georgia production on track for Memorial Day.

CUCUMBERS

- Nogales and McAllen supplies tightening as season winds down.
- Good supply available from Florida and South Georgia.
- Quality good across all regions.

FRENCH GREEN BEANS

- French Beans **ESCALATED**
- Organic and conventional supplies from Guatemala remain limited.
- Mexican conventional supply constrained due to cooler weather impacting yields.
- Supply expected to improve by mid-May as growing conditions normalize.

GRAPES

- New grape codes effective Monday, May 18.
- White grapes: Old code T7310 New Code EP502
- Red grapes: Old code 78922 New code EP504
- Auto sub will be activated for one week to help update order guides.
- This move is to help with better fill rates on the spilt program.

GREEN BEANS

- Florida has transitioned to new crop and supply has improved as well as quality. Mexico is still harvesting and expect to until California ramps up.
- Quality is mixed.

LETTUCE

- Iceberg: quality fair; supplies extremely limited; light weights expected.
- Romaine and Romaine Hearts: quality fair; supplies tightening.
- Reports of bruising, fringe burn, light weights, and mildew on outer leaves.

LIMES – EXTREME!

- Conditions are extreme.
- Rain is impacting harvest and sizing across Mexico and Central America. .

MELONS

- Honeydew market stabilizing (both volume and sizing) with increased Mexican production.
- Organic and conventional mini watermelons (6ct) back in stock (#PL268, #D3316).

ONIONS

- Idaho/Oregon storage crops largely finished; remaining quality inconsistent.
- Transitioning into Texas supply.
- Pricing elevated.

ORANGES

- California Valencias expected to begin early May.

PEPPERS (BELL)

- Green Bell quality good across all regions.
- South Georgia expected to begin good volume production within two weeks.
- Hot House pepper category steady from Canada.

PEPPERS (CHILI)

- East Coast production expected to ramp up in late May.
- Short supply expected on jalapeño, serrano, Anaheim, Caribe, habanero, fresno, poblano, and shishito peppers.

PINEAPPLES

- Market expected to remain tight this week.

POTATOES

- Supply through the end of the year will be fully supported by storage shipments; no major disruptions expected.
- Strong sizing and availability across categories.
- Long term market outlook mirrors last season when market remained relatively soft until late spring at which point tighter supply led to higher FOB pricing.

RASPBERRIES

- Hot weather in Mexico continues to impact fruit condition.
- Temperatures have moderated slightly from earlier in the week, but prolonged heat it is beginning to impact fruit condition.

STRAWBERRIES

- Supplies slowly improving following rain events and cooler weather.
- Quality generally holding, although crews continue to manage residual weather-related issues.
- Production remains in a post-peak phase with softer overall volume..

TOMATOES

- Round Tomatoes: **ESCALATED / ACT OF GOD.**
- Volume expected to improve over the next 10 days as growers break new fields.
- Supply consistency and quality expected to improve in the coming weeks.

ZUCCHINI/YELLOW SQUASH

- Lighter supply on green, but light on yellow this week is putting upward pressure on price.
- Quality good on both colors.
- Georgia and California expected to begin production within the next week.

**Sale Ends
5/31/26**

4th Annual

Spice Sale

Black River Produce spices have some of the best EDLP pricing in the market. Save even more with our annual spice shelf refresh sale.

WC582	All Spice Grind	1/15 OZ	WC614	Cumin Whole	1/14 OZ	WC638	Paprika 85 Asta	1/16 OZ
WC518	All Spice Whole	1/12 OZ	EL036	Curry Pwdr	1/14 OZ	EH820	Parsley Flakes	1/10 OZ
WB576	Anise Star	1/7.5 OZ	GR788	Dill Seed	1/14 OZ	WC640	Pepper Blk Crse 18 Mesh	1/16 OZ
WC584	Arrowroot Ground	1/16 OZ	EJ372	Dill Weed	1/4 OZ	WC642	Pepper Black Fine 28 Mesh	1/16 OZ
EH754	Basil Leaves	1/6 OZ	WC612	Fennel Seed	1/14 OZ	EH828	Pepper Black Grind	1/5 LB
EH744	Basil Leaves	1/1.75LB	WC620	Fenugreek Whole	1/16 OZ	WC646	Pepper Black Whole	1/16 OZ
EL026	Bay Leaves	1/1.5 OZ	ACP46	Five Spice	11oz	EH836	Pepper Black Whole	1/5 LB
WC586	Bay Leaves	1/8 OZ	WC618	Garam Masala	1/16 OZ	WC648	Pepper Cayenne	1/16 OZ
EL850	Cajun Seasoning	1/23 OZ	WC522	Garlic Granulated	1/20 OZ	EJ788	Pepper Cayenne	1/5 LB
EL030	Cajun Seasoning	1/7.5 LB	EH724	Garlic Granulated	1/6.5 LB	WC650	Pepper Red Crushed	1/12 OZ
WC588	Caraway Seed Whole	1/16 OZ	EH812	Garlic Powder	1/5 LB	WC528	Pepper Red Crushed	1/4 LB
WC610	Cardamom Ground	1/16 OZ	WC616	Garlic Powder Premium	1/16 OZ	WC652	Pepper White Ground	1/16 OZ
WC526	Cardamom Pod	1/11 OZ	WC622	Ginger Ground	1/14 OZ	WC654	Peppercorn Medley	1/16 OZ
WC520	Celery Seed	1/16 OZ	EL044	Juniper Berries Whole	1/12 OZ	WC656	Pickling	1/13 OZ
WC592	Chili Powder	1/18 OZ	EL362	Lavender Leaf	1/4 OZ	WC946	Poppyseed Seed	1/8 OZ
EH794	Chili Powder	1/5 LB	WC664	Marjoram	1/3.25OZ	WC530	Poultry Seasoning	1/14.5OZ
EH804	Chives Chopped	1/1.5 OZ	EL032	Montreal Steak	1/26 OZ	WC658	Rosemary Leaves	1/6.5 OZ
WC598	Cinnamon Ground	1/16 OZ	WC626	Mustard Ground	1/13 OZ	ET424	Sage Ground	1/8 OZ
EH808	Cinnamon Ground	1/5 LB	WC628	Mustard Seed	1/16 OZ	WC590	Salt Celery	1/35 OZ
WC600	Cinnamon Whole Stick	1/8 OZ	WC524	Nutmeg Ground	1/16 OZ	EP548	Salt Kosher Flake	1/32 OZ
WD070	Cinnamon Whole Stick	1/2.2 LB	WC634	Nutmeg Whole	1/16 OZ	WC624	Seasoning Italian	1/6 OZ
WC602	Cloves Ground	1/1 LB	WC630	Onion Granulated	1/16 OZ	EL046	Spice Sage Rubbed	1/5 OZ
WC604	Cloves Whole	1/10 OZ	WC632	Onion Powder	1/16 OZ	EJ790	Sumac Ground 5	1/12 OZ
WC606	Coriander Ground	1/13 OZ	EH726	Onion Pwdr	1/5 LB	WC660	Tarragon Whole	1/2.5 OZ
EL034	Coriander Whole	1/7 OZ	WC636	Oregano Leaves Whole	1/6.2 OZ	EH840	Thyme Leaves	1/7 OZ
WC608	Cumin Ground	1/16 OZ	EH816	Oregano Whole	1/2 LB	EJ378	Thyme Leaves	1/2.25LB
EH722	Cumin Ground Bulk	1/4.5 LB	WC644	Paprika	1/5 LB	WC662	Turmeric	1/14 OZ



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