



MARKET UPDATES

Week of July 27, 2026



Seafood

WEEKLY OYSTER PROFIT-MAKER

- This week's Seafood Spotlight's Oyster of the Week is:
- **Cape Cod Bay Oysters** 3" - 3.25" 100ct (#EP090)
- Available for deliveries 7/30-8/01.
- Source: Massachusetts.
- Priced aggressively! Perfect for weekly specials.

SEASONAL SPOTLIGHT

- This week's seasonal spotlight items are:
- Steelhead Trout Fillet 1.5 Lb. Fillet (#EH040)
- Source: Canada
- Available for deliveries all week long.
- Bass Black Whole 1-1.5 Lb. (#NW890)
- Source: USA
- Available for deliveries 7/30-8/01.
- 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>

SWORDFISH

- Slight price increase.

HALIBUT FILLET

- Price increase expected.

FAROE ISLAND SALMON

- Pricing holding steady.

COD LOINS/FILLETS

- Cod loins and fillets are expected to remain in limited supply through mid to late August.
- Annual seasonal closures at Icelandic cod processing plants continue to impact availability.

SMOKED TROUT

- Smoked Trout (#EH728) will remain out of stock until mid-August due to raw material shortages.

CHILEAN SEABASS FILLETS

- Reminder: Chilean Seabass Fillets (#WA666) remain out of stock with no estimated arrival date.

WILD KING SALMON FILLETS

- Wild King Salmon Fillets (#GH436) remain available by pre-order only. Seafood purchases directly from the market Monday through Friday.
- Please allow skip-day notice, (except on weekends).
- Supplies will remain sporadic, and the Seafood Department will follow up regarding availability.

Meat

NEW CHICKEN ITEMS

- We have added Sharon Food Distributors as a new ABF chicken supplier.
- The following Nature's Sensation chicken items are now stocked via our new ABF chicken supplier (Sharon Food Distributors):
- Nature's Sensation Boneless Skinless Chicken Breast, Random Weight, 1/40 lb (#WA252).
- Nature's Sensation Boneless Skinless Chicken Breast, Single Lobe, Antibiotic Free, 6 oz, 2/10 lb (#WD204).
- Nature's Sensation Boneless Skinless Chicken Breast, No Antibiotics Ever, 8 oz, 2/10 lb (#WD886).
- Additional offerings expected in the future:

Cheese & Dairy

BARN FIRST CREAMERY

- Giguere Goat Tomme, Raw Milk Alpine-Style Tomme, 1 ct (#EK646), is now seasonally available.
- Aged 3-6 months, this firm-textured cheese features brothy, nutty, and slightly sharp flavor notes.

BLUE LEDGE FARM

- The next batch of Middlebury Blue is expected to be ready this week.
- Middlebury Blue Wedge, 6/8 oz (#WA568).
- Middlebury Blue Wheel, 1/6 lb (#WB498).

HALLOUMI

- Halloumi, 1/6 lb (#L9038), is back in stock following an extended supply gap.

LACTALIS YOGURTS

- Price increase on Green Mountain Creamery quart yogurts and Brown Cow cup yogurts effective this week.

VON TRAPP FARMSTEAD

- Savage is now stocked at Black River Produce.
- This Alpine-style cheese is aged for one year and features notes of caramelized onion, beef broth, pâté, and fresh grass.
- Savage Quarter Wheel, 4/6 lb (#BJC64).
- Savage Quarter Wheel, 1/6 lb (#BJC65).

Specialty Grocery

VERMONT NUT FREE CHOCOLATES

- New Mini Caramel Cups are expected to land this week.
- Milk Chocolate Mini Caramel Cups (#BKF82).
- Dark Chocolate Mini Caramel Cups (#BKE74).
- New items will be featured in August Harvest Highlights and Retail Ad Planner with Introductory pricing. Great for back to school.

LITTLE LAD'S

- Maple Popcorn is now stocked.
- Maple Popcorn (#BDW02).



RHAPSODY

- The special-order schedule has changed and now requires an additional week of lead time.
- Orders must be submitted by the end of the day Monday for product to arrive at Black River Produce on Friday of *the following week* and ship on your next delivery day.

MITCHELL'S

- A production delay resulted in our entire tortilla chip order being cut this week.
- Limited inventory remains on hand, but gapping may occur before the next shipment arrives on July 30.
- Tortilla Chips (#WC720).

VERMONT SOY

- A price increase across the product line will take effect August 1 due to higher production costs.

VEGAN CREAMERS

- Reminder: Now stocking oat, soy and coconut vegan creamers from Oatly, Perfect Taste and Pacific Foods.

APPETIZERS

- Reminder: Newly stocked Roma brand Mozzarella Sticks (#HD634) and Jalapeno Poppers (#CV810) are now in stock and ready to go.

New / Reactivated Codes

#WA252	Boneless Skinless Chicken Breast, RW	1/40 lb	Nature's Sensation .
#WD204	Boneless Skinless Chicken Breast, Single Lobe, Antib 6 oz,	2/10 lb	Nature's Sensation
#WD886	Boneless Skinless Chicken Breast, No Antibiotics, 8 oz,	2/10 lb	Nature's Sensation
#EK646	Giguere Goat Tomme		Barn First Creamery (seasonal)
#BJC64	Savage Quarter Wheel	4/6 lb	Von Trapp Farmstead
#BJC65	Savage Quarter Wheel	1/6 lb	Von Trapp Farmstead
#WA568	Middlebury Blue Wedge,	6/8 oz	Blue Ledge Farm
#WB498	Middlebury Blue Wheel,	1/6 lb	Blue Ledge Farm
#BDW02	Maple Popcorn		Little Lads
#BKF82	Milk Chocolate Mini Caramel Cups		Vermont Nut Free Chocolates
#BKE74	Dark Chocolate Mini Caramel Cups		Vermont Nut Free Chocolates

Vegan Creamers

#ADG04	Almond milk	12/32 Oz	Perfect Taste
#ADG02	Oat milk	12/32 Oz	Perfect Taste
#VJ282	Milk Oat Barista	12/32 Oz	Oatly
#J9436	Milk Soy Barista Series	12/32 Oz	Pacific Foods
#GC540	Milk Coconut Barista Series	12/32 Oz	Pacific Foods

Produce

APPLE CIDER

- Sunrise Orchards was unable to supply cider year-round and will be gapping until late August.
- During the gap, Carlson Orchard (MA) cider will be available:
- 15/Pints (#VA712).
- 4/Gallons (#VA714).
- 9½ Gallons (#VA716).

ASPARAGUS

- The asparagus market remains active, with demand continuing to exceed available supply.

BLACKBERRIES CV/OG

- Blackberry supplies remain limited, with no production currently available from Mexico.
- California continues its seasonal ramp-up, with Watsonville fruit showing excellent size, flavor, and overall quality.
- Organic production continues to develop following cooler-than-normal weather.
- Conventional volumes are expected to increase gradually through the end of July
- Organic harvest anticipated in the first week of August.

BLUEBERRIES CV/OG

- Blueberry production continues its seasonal transition as Mexican supplies decline and harvest activity increases in California and the Pacific Northwest.
- Overall quality remains excellent.

BROCCOLI CV/OG

- Quality and supplies are good.
- Reports of browning and pin rot continue.

BROCCOLINI

- Quality is good, but supplies remain limited.

BRUSSELS SPROUTS

- Quality and supplies are good.

CAULIFLOWER CV/OG

- Quality and supplies are good.
- Insect pressure continues to increase.

CARROTS

- Quality is good, and supplies have improved.
- The market has finally recovered.

CELERY CV/OG

- Quality and supplies have improved.
- Disease pressure remains a concern, particularly on organic celery.
- Organic celery remains at the **Extreme** market level.

CORN

- Regional corn supplies are experiencing intermittent gaps due to limited rainfall.
- Vermont-grown corn is expected to begin arriving by mid-to late week.

CUCUMBERS

- Supplies crossing through Nogales and McAllen continue to tighten as the season winds down.
- Eastern supplies from Florida and South Georgia remain good.
- Quality is good across all shipping regions.

FENNEL

- Lower field yields continue to limit supplies.
- Markets are expected to remain escalated until production improves.

GRAPES

- The transition to California fruit is underway.
- Fruit quality is outstanding, with large berries, minimal shatter, and excellent Brix levels.

LETTUCE

- Iceberg lettuce quality is good, and supplies remain limited but continue to improve.
- Romaine and Romaine Hearts quality and supplies are good.
- Organic Romaine Hearts remain at the Extreme market level.

LIMES

- Supplies continue to improve despite heavy rainfall across Mexico.
- Sizing challenges persist throughout Mexico and other Central American growing regions.
- Moderate quality pressure continues, including oleocellosis.

MELONS

- Honeydew and cantaloupe supplies continue to improve.
- Temporary substitutions to 9-count cantaloupes and 5-count honeydews were necessary to maintain inventory.
- Standard 12-count cantaloupes and 6-count honeydews are expected to return next week.

ONIONS

- New Mexico production remains limited due to lower yields and seeder issues.
- California growers continue to work through transition challenges with reduced volume.
- Limited supplies across both regions have tightened availability on all sizes and colors while pushing pricing higher.
- Production is expected to improve in the next few weeks.

ORANGES

- Shipments have mostly transitioned to new Valencia crop.

PEPPERS

- Quality is good across all growing regions.

POTATOES

- The market continues to strengthen as size profile shifts while storage supplies of last year's crop wind down.
- Suppliers are seeing a shift toward smaller size profiles (70–120 count), while 40–60 count potatoes have become tighter.
- Inventories are being managed closely to bridge supplies until the new crop while monitoring for quality concerns.

Produce continued

RASPBERRIES

- Supplies remain favorable, supported by peak production in Mexico and improving harvest activity in Watsonville.

SNOW/SNAP PEAS

- Supplies continue to improve as production increases in Guatemala.
- Availability is expected to strengthen each week as additional volume enters the market, supporting more consistent supply.

STONE FRUIT

- Limited volumes of Pennsylvania and South Carolina peaches continue to arrive.
- Supplies remain very limited, with weekly availability dependent on harvest conditions.
- Additional California stone fruit is being brought in to help supplement regional availability.

STRAWBERRIES

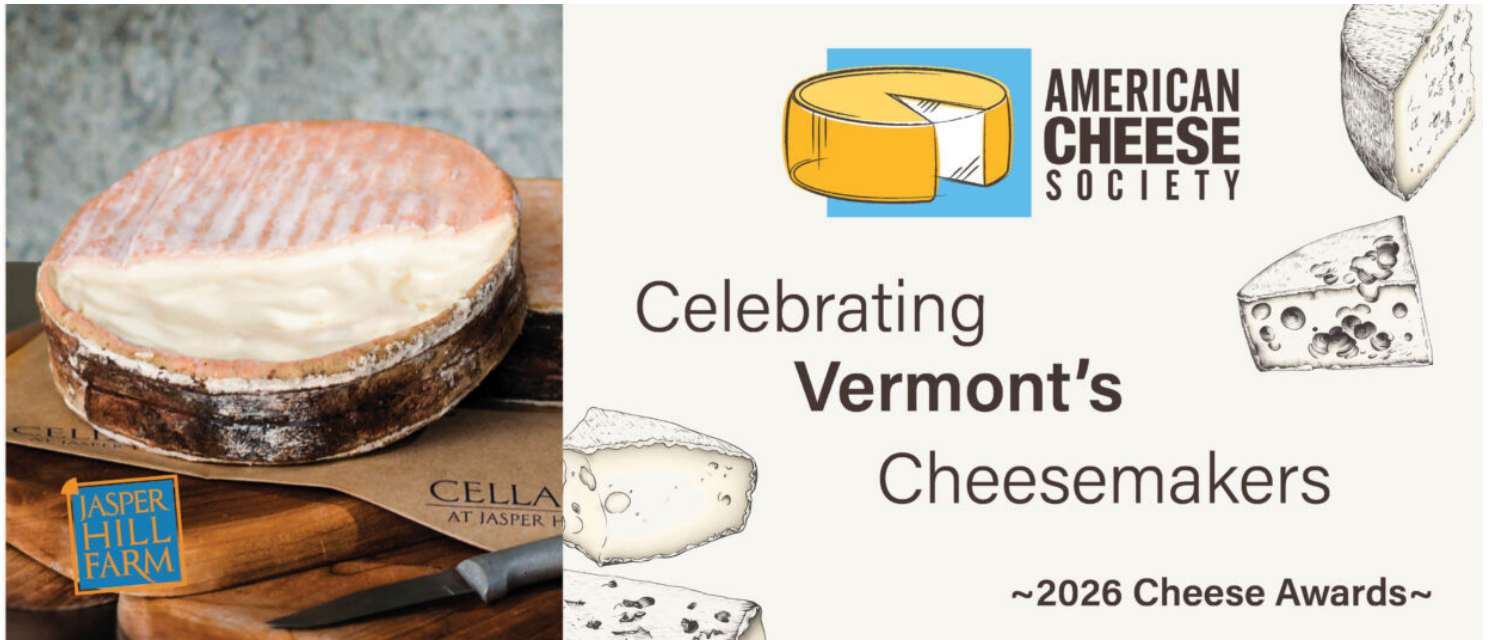
- Fruit quality remains strong across both conventional and organic programs, with good size, firm texture, and excellent overall appearance.
- Only minor bruising has been reported.
- Massachusetts production has concluded for the season.
- Vermont supplies remain limited as recent rainfall has affected harvesting.

SWEET POTATOES

- The market continues to tighten as the industry moves through the final stretch of the 2025 storage crop.
- Nationwide supplies remain limited, particularly on premium U.S. No. 1 grades and larger counts.

TOMATOES

- Round tomato volumes were lighter this week in Tennessee and North Carolina, primarily due to rain delays.
- Quality is mixed across all growing regions.



Read [our blog](https://blackriverproduce.com/library/) and learn more about the Vermont cheesemakers who stole the show at this year's American Cheese Society Awards. Awards were announced earlier this month. Fifteen Vermont cheese makers were awarded 54 ribbons! Every Vermont maker who entered won an award!

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