



MARKET UPDATES

Week of September 21, 2026



Seafood

WEEKLY OYSTER PROFIT-MAKER

- **Malpeque Oysters:** 2-2.25" 100ct (#MD540)
- Available for deliveries all week long.
- Source: Massachusetts
- Priced aggressively! Perfect for weekly specials.



SEASONAL SEAFOOD SPOTLIGHT

- This week's seasonal spotlight items are:
- Canadian Salmon Fillet, 3-4 Lb Case (#WB678) (#EH040)
- Source: Bay of Fundy
- Available for deliveries all week long.
- Shrimp Fresh Raw Shell-on 16-20 Lb (#NW958)
- Source: Carolinas
- Available for deliveries 9/23-9/26.
- Advance notice is appreciated to ensure we pull enough inventory to meet demand. 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>

IRISH POINT OYSTERS

- Due to production issues and a price increase on Oyster Irish Point Oyster, 100ct, (#NW924), the code has been moved to restricted with no ETA.

LOBSTER

- Reminder that all lobster codes including 1 ½lb lobster (#EH046) and 1 ¼lb lobster (#EP094) are now late line with order schedule as follows:
- Monday → Wednesday
- Tuesday → Thursday
- Wednesday → Friday
- Thursday → Saturday
- Friday → Tuesday
- Lobsters are fresh from the Gulf of Maine and packed to order giving you maximum flexibility in receiving the exact number of lobsters you need.

ORCA BAY - WILD SOCKEYE SALMON

- Reminder: The 2026 sockeye harvest was approximately 20% lower than last year, resulting in a significant reduction in available supply.
- Actual harvest volumes also fell below preseason projections, creating additional market pressure.
- To preserve inventory for portion-controlled products, Orca Bay will not be packing sockeye fillets this season.
- As a result, sockeye flts. 1-2lb. (#WC486/7) are now out of stock with no ETA.
- Alternative options are being evaluated.
- Retail portion items, including the 10 oz retail bags, are expected to remain available until the 2027 salmon season.

ORCA BAY PINK SALMON

- Update: Orca Bay Pink Salmon 12 x 10 Oz (#EJ018) is out of stock until mid-October.

ARTIC CHARR

- Reminder: Artic Charr (#AR984/#WC992) from Iceland is the perfect addition to your fall menus as a delicious, mild "red fish" option. Charr's delicate, subtle flavor makes it a winner in recipes and as a delightful mild center of plate offering.

PASTEURIZED CRAB MEAT

- Claw, Regular, Special and Jumbo Lump; have all taken price increases.

Specialty Grocery

VERMONT TORTILLA

- Reminder that tortillas (#PG484) are back in stock.

ECO BEAN

- Lemon hibiscus yerba mate (#PJ570) will be gapping for 2+ weeks due to a vendor production delay.
- Inventories are plentiful on all other flavors.

KRIN'S BAKERY

- Mixed Twist Cookie Assortment, (#BMB68) now in stock.
- Ideal for smaller retail locations where traffic can't support full cases of individual flavors.

Cheese & Dairy

GARELICK FARMS

- Reminder: now stocking the items below with more items from Garelick Farms to be added in coming weeks.
- DairyPure Milk, 1% Carton, 50/8 oz, (#VT126)
- TruMoo Chocolate Skim Milk, 50/8 oz, (#G7434)

SHELburnE FARMS

- Marshall's Reserve, 12/8 oz, (#BCV94) will be out of stock until mid-October.

JASPER HILL FARM

Supplies on the following of the Jasper Hill Farm items will continue to be light in the near term:

- Moses Sleeper 9/8oz. (#APT12), No inventory available this week or next.
- Cabot Clothbound Cheddar 1/8lb (#CW622) No inventory available this week, but some will be available next week.
- Willoughby 8/8oz (#FH506), fair supply this week and next.
- Vault 5 12/6.5oz (#EV368) Good supply this week. Vendor expects good supply moving forward.

VERMONT FARMSTEAD

Vendor will continue to be light in supply over the next couple weeks on both sizes of Lille and Brie. Affected codes:

- Lille Bebe 6/7oz (#CW794)
- Lille Coulommier 1/ 2.75lb (#MT102)
- Farmstead Brie 6/6.5oz (#GH510)

The Lille shortage will also affect the Premier and Artisan cheese boxes.

- Artisan Cheese Box 1/14 Lb (#WB938)
- Premier Cheese Box 1/14 Lb (#WB940)

Seasonal

FALL FLORAL DECOR

- It's that time of year for Sam Mazza mums and other fall decor such as hay bales, corn stalks, pumpkins and decorative corn.
- Many items will be stocked, but see our Fall Decor order guide for specific delivery schedules.
<https://blackriverproduce.com/products/floral/>



New / Reactivated Codes

#A6306	Baby Red Beets	24 ct		Available Sept/Oct
#EK308	Beets, Candy Cane			Available Sept/Oct
#WA882	Beets, Baby Gold Beets	24 ct		Available Sept/Oct
#EK312	Beets, Gold Beets			Available Sept/Oct
#EP914	Baby Fennel	24 ct		Available Sept/Oct
#GN890	Baby Turnips	24 ct		Available Sept/Oct
#WC382	Black Mission Figs	12/8 oz		Available Sept/Oct
#57188	Baby Rainbow Carrots- 5lb w/top			Available Sept/Oct
#H0834	Bulk Rainbow Carrots- 25lb			Available Sept/Oct
#GK348	Escarole			Available Sept/Oct
#EK170	Celery Root			Available Sept/Oct
#EK054	Frisee			Available Sept/Oct
#78044	Belgian Endive			Available Sept/Oct
#GK282	Radicchio			Available Sept/Oct
#HB886	Tarragon	4 oz	Peak Fresh	Replaces #WB190
#CK108	Oregano	4 oz	Peak Fresh	Replaces #F1658
#CK102	Sage	4 oz	Peak Fresh	Replaces #22234
#CK110	Mint	16 oz	Peak Fresh	Special order 24-hr
#CK106	Rosemary	16 oz	Peak Fresh	Special order 24-hr
#HB888	Tarragon	16 oz	Peak Fresh	Special order 24-hr
#CK111	Oregano	16 oz	Peak Fresh	Special order 24-hr

important note, original code for CK111 was listed as CK110; verification recommended.

#VT126	Milk 1% Carton	50/8oz	Dairy Pure Label, Garelick Farm	Now stocking
#G7434	Milk Chocolate Skim	50/8oz	Tru Moo Label, Garelick Farm	Now stocking

Produce

APPLES

- Vermont-grown MacIntosh apples from Sunrise Orchards are expected September 16.
- Additional heirloom varieties are becoming available; refer to the regional produce list for current offerings.
- From the Pacific Northwest, new crop Gala and Honeycrisp harvesting has begun.
- Granny Smith supplies remain limited until new-crop harvest begins in the next week.
- Fuji, Red Delicious, and Golden Delicious storage supplies are winding down ahead of new-crop arrival in mid Sept.

ASPARAGUS

- Extremely active market.
- Demand continues to exceed supply, resulting in ongoing prorates and elevated pricing.

BLACKBERRIES CV/OG

- Supplies remain limited across Mexico and Watsonville.
- California heat is further reducing production and impacting fruit quality.
- Improvement is expected as Mexican production increases in October.

BLUEBERRIES CV/OG

- Peruvian fruit is beginning to arrive with excellent quality.
- Volumes remain limited but continue to increase.

BROCCOLI CV/OG

- Quality is good but supplies are tightening.
- Insect pressure, browning, and pin rot are affecting supply.
- Organic broccoli market remains extreme.
- Some growers are prorating.
- Prices are rising.

BROCCOLINI

- Quality is good.
- Supplies remain limited.

BRUSSELS SPROUTS

- Quality is good.
- Supplies have tightened.

CAULIFLOWER CV/OG

- Quality is fair. Supplies are extremely limited.
- Increased insect pressure is reducing yields.
- Prorates should be expected.

CELERY CV/OG

- Quality and supplies are fair. Disease pressure, black heart continues to impact harvestable acreage.
- Demand is expected to strengthen through the fall as schools return.
- Organic celery market is escalated.

CORN

- Local Vermont and Massachusetts corn remains available.

ENGLISH CUCUMBERS

- Lighter supplies and higher demand are pushing pricing higher out of Canada and Mexico.
- Quality is good.

FENNEL

- Quality and availability have improved.

GRAPES

- California production remains steady.
- Quality is excellent with strong size, flavor, very little shatter and high sugar content.
- Organic Red Grapes, (#NW656) are back in stock.

GREEN BEANS

- East Coast production remains strong.
- Western supplies are more limited.
- Quality varies by growing region.

FRENCH BEANS

- Guatemalan supplies remain plentiful.

LETTUCE

- Iceberg: Supplies are limited. Quality is fair. Disease and insect pressure continue to impact production.
- Romaine Hearts: Supplies and quality remain acceptable. Tip burn and fringe burn have been reported. Market is on watch list and expecting to escalate.

LETTUCE: LITTLE LEAF FARMS

- Prorates are expected over the next several weeks.
- Shipments are being allocated based on (pre national cyclospora crisis) historical purchasing averages
- Inventory levels may fluctuate from order to order.

LIMES

- Supply conditions are slowly improving over coming weeks. External blemishes, oleocellosis, and reduced shelf life remain concerns.

MELONS

- Cantaloupe: Quality remains excellent with strong color and high Brix levels.
- Honeydew: Supplies remain tight. Quality remains excellent with Brix levels ranging from 12% to 14%.

ONIONS

- Transition to Northwest production is largely complete.
- Market struggling to keep up with demand driving open market pricing up.
- Colossal/super colossal remain limited due to weather and wild fire smoke impacts on PNW growers.

PEPPERS

- Green Bell Peppers: Local supplies more robust and should remain available through mid-September.
- Hothouse Peppers: Canadian supplies are steady and quality is good.
- Chili Peppers: Most varieties remain readily available.
- Red Fresnos: Supplies are somewhat limited, with significantly higher pricing.

POTATOES

- Most growers are shipping new-crop potatoes.
- Large-count potatoes (40-70 ct) remain limited and are expected to stay tight through the season due to less acreage, water issues and high night time temperatures.
- Smaller-count potatoes (80-120 ct) have better availability.
- Market pricing remains firm and continue to rise on large sizes.

Produce continued

RASPBERRIES

- Supplies remain limited during seasonal transitions.
- Quality is generally good, though shelf life may be shortened due to heat-related impacts.

SCALLIONS

- Quality is good, but supplies are extremely limited due to monsoon-type weather and triple digit temperatures which is effecting yields.
- Prorates should be expected.

SNOW PEAS / SUGAR SNAP PEAS

- Supplies remain extremely limited. Markets remain active with continued upward pricing pressure.

STRAWBERRIES

- Supplies remain extremely tight. Regional production transitions and heat-related challenges continue to limit availability. Quality is generally good with some smaller sizing, bruising and softness occurring.
- Prorates and order delays are possible for the next 7-14 days with gradual improvement as Santa Maria production increases.

SWEET POTATOES

- New-crop harvest has begun, but product will be put in storage to let skin set before shipping meaning new product will begin appearing in 3-4 weeks.
- Limited old-crop supplies remain available and demand is strong, putting upward pressure on prices.

TOMATOES

- Round Tomatoes: Quality is mixed and supplies remain light, especially on larger sizes due to weather-related challenges.
- Roma Tomatoes: Supplies are expected to tighten as summer plantings decline. Quality remains fair.

SPECIALTY PRODUCE

- The following seasonal items are available during September and October:
- #EP914 Baby Fennel
- #A6306 Baby Beets Red
- #WA882 Baby Beets Gold
- #GN890 Baby turnips
- #WC382 Black Mission Figs
- #57188 Baby Rainbow Carrots- 5lb w/top
- #H0834 Bulk Rainbow Carrots- 25lb
- #GK348 Escarole
- #EK170 Celery Root
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- #EK308 Candy Cane Beets
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The Root of all Great Fall Menus.

