Black River PRODUCE

MARKET UPDATES

Week of November 2, 2026



Seafood

Scallops
- U15 scallops (#NW936) – Very limited through the end of November. The scallops being harvested have yielded a smaller size scale, limiting the amount of U15. Code has been moved to a late line until future notice. Can offer #FN530 10/20 stocked

Halibut
- Slight price increase.

Swordfish
- Slight price increase.

Wild Coho Salmon
- Season has ended for year.

Artic Charr Fillets
- Reminder: For the first time in 5 years the price of Char will have a slight price increase. Increase is due to the dramatic increase in the cost of fishmeal over the past few months.

Specialty Grocery

Yalla
- Yalla has landed and it's flying off the shelves!
- Reminder that BRP stocks the entire line, which is a strong convenience versus other distributors.

Eco Bean
- Due to an issue sourcing aronia berries, the vendor has changed the kombucha flavor from aronia berry, to ginger berry (#EW084).
- Code has been updated. First order is expected to arrive in the next few weeks.

Bakery Items
- New Item Alerts: BRP is now stocking the following bakery items.
- Please reach out with any large volume needs.
- All are available by case or single unit.
- Fleischmann's Yeast Compressed Fresh Wet Bakers Select, 24/1lb, (#18208)
- Baking Powder Double Acting 6/5lb, (#JE552).
- Heritage Ovens Baking Soda 24/1lb , (#JE554)
- Coming Soon - Watch market notes for details:
- Bob's Red Mill Baking Powder Aluminum Free 4/14oz (#FH114)

Meat

G&C Commodity Turkeys
- Commodity turkeys from G&C in particular, are very limited this year. Please reach out to buyer for availability

Thanskgiving Turkeys
- Pre-orders for Vermont-grown turkeys from Misty Knoll, Stonewood Farm and Adams Turkey Farm are due November, 9.
- And, save time and labor with delicious Vermont-made Olivia's Stuffing mix.
- Contact your BRP associate for prcing and fill out your pre-order form linked here. Available while supplies last.
- https://blackriverproduce.com/products/meat-poultry/

Cheese & Dairy

Woodlawn Creamery
- New Item alert: Excited to be bringing on Emerson Farmer's Cheese from Woodlawn Creamery in an 8oz retail and 5lb. foodservice pack.
- American Cheese Society 2026 Award Winner.
- Creamy and bright, on the line between spreadable and crumbly.
- Serve on a bagel, over a salad, in place of ricotta
- Due in the week of 11/9. Codes to follow.

Jasper Hill Farm
- Fall release of Withersbrook Blue, 2/4lb (#AGV70) now in stock.
- Winnimere 5/13oz (#GR472) Winter release will be in stock the week of November 9.

Miller Farm
- Two new items coming from Miller Farm week of November 9:
- Organic Maple Nog 16oz., (#BTG96)
- Eggless. Maple Syrup is used in place of eggs.
- Organic High Protein Chocolate Milk, 8oz (#BTE22) and 16oz (#BTE18).
- Packed with 38g of protein and about 720 calories per serving. A great source of protein and enough calories for a meal on the go.
- 100% organic and made from ingredients you can pronounce.

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Cheese & Dairy continued

High Lawn Farm
- Egg Nog is now in stock
- 25/16oz (#GJ676)
- 9/ ½ gal (#GJ674)
- 3/ ½ gal (#GJ675)

Vermont Farmstead
- New items from VTF are now in stock
- Smoked Brie 6/6.5oz, (#BRM22)
- Hot Honey Cheddar 12/7oz (#BRM20)
- Vermont Farmstead has also recently gone through a brand refresh. New packaging, a few updated names, same great cheeses are currently being rolled out.
- Code descriptions are in the process of being updated.

New / Reactivated Codes

#BTG96	Organic Maple Nog	16oz.	Miller Farm	New item week of 11/9.
#BTE22	Organic High Prot Choc Milk	8oz	Miller Farm	New item week of 11/9.
#BTE18	Organic High Prot Choc Milk	16 Oz	Miller Farm	New item week of 11/9.
#BRM22	Smoked Brie	6/6.5 oz	Vermont Farmstead	New item.
#BRM20	Hot Honey Cheddar	12/7 oz	Vermont Farmstead	New item.
#TAG64	Hummus Eggplant Garlic Org	6/12 Oz	Yalla	New item.
#BRB20	Hummus Plain Org w/ Olive	6/12 Oz	Yalla	New item.
#BPP92	Bread Pita Frozen	12/19.5	Yalla	New item.
#BPV96	Hummus Skhug Organic	6/12 Oz	Yalla	New item.
#BRH44	Hummus Plain Organic Bulk	4/32 Oz	Yalla	New item.
#BRH34	Tzatziki Sauce	6/10.5Oz	Yalla	New item.
#BRB24	Tahini Organic Sesame Paste	12/17.60	Yalla	New item.
#BRA06	Hummus Plain Organic	6/12 Oz	Yalla	New item.
#18208	Yeast Compressed Fresh Wet	24/1 Lb	Fleischmann's	Now Stocking. Available by each or case.
#JE552	Baking Powder Double Acting	6/5lb	Heritage Ovens	Now stocking. Available by each or case.
#JE554	Baking Soda	24/1lb	Heritage Ovens	Now stocking. Available by each or case.
#FH114	Baking Powder Aluminum Free	4/14oz	Bob's Red Mill	Coming Soon.

Produce

Asparagus
- Supplies had been improving from Mexico and Peru; however, production is expected to decline moving forward.
- Peruvian volumes are projected to decrease by nearly 30% next week and continue trending downward through January, while Mexican production remains below expectations.
- Supplies are expected to remain extremely tight through the end of the year, with limited availability across most sizes.
- Pricing will likely remain significantly higher than normal as production declines and holiday demand increases.

Blackberries CV/OG
- Conventional supplies remain steady.
- Organic supplies are tightening.
- Quality is generally good, though some soft and leaking fruit has been reported.
- Additional Mexican production is helping offset declining California supplies, although OG will remain constrained.

Blueberries CV/OG
- Peru remains the primary source.
- Supplies are stable but slightly below expectations. Quality remains excellent in both CV and OG programs.

Broccoli CV/OG
- Quality is good and supplies have improved.
- Browning, pin rot, and insect pressure continue to be reported.

Broccolini
- Quality is good.
- Growers are holding to average order volumes, and we will continue to monitor this item due to ongoing heavy insect pressure.

Brussels Sprouts
- Quality is good.
- Supplies have improved but remain limited.

Cauliflower CV/OG
- Quality is good.
- Supplies have improved.
- Insect pressure continues to affect yields.

Celery CV/OG
- Quality and supplies are good.
- Organic Celery remains at the extreme level.

Corn
- Local corn season is nearly complete.
- Transition back to 48-count crate corn is underway.

English Cucumbers
- Steady supply and softer markets are putting downward pressure on the spot market this week out of Mexico and Canada.
- Quality is good.

Fennel
- Quality and supplies have improved.

Fresh Origins
- Limited availability continues on selected flowers and microgreens.
- Shortages are expected until production recovers.t

Grapes
- California production is winding down (70% complete).
- Quality remains excellent: good size, little shatter, hgh Brix.
- Season remains ahead of schedule, creating potential supply concerns later in the season.

Green Beans
- Supplies remain light on both coasts.
- Markets continue to firm.
- French beans remain extremely tight as demand increases due to the challengesoccuring in asparagus adn brocolli.
- Elevated pricing and limited availability are expected
- through the holiday season.

Lettuce
- Iceberg Lettuce, **EXTREME**.
- Supplies remain extremely limited with rising markets. Smaller sizes, lighter weights, disease pressure, and insect activity continue to impact quality and availability.
- Romaine & Romaine Hearts, **EXTREME**.
- Supplies and quality remain fair with ongoing issues related to light weights, burn, insect pressure, and soil defects.

Lettuce, Little Leaf Farms
- Supply conditions have improved and normal best-of-class service levels have resumed.

Limes
- Supplies remain heavily weighted toward 200-count and smaller fruit. Larger sizes remain limited.

Melons
- California cantaloupe and honeydew production continues through at least next week, although Virus pressure may shorten the season.

Mushrooms OG
- Supplies remain limited and shortages are expected.
- Heat driven compost production challenges continue to impact yields. Too much heat kills growing nutrients.

Onions
- Transition to Northwest production is complete.
- Demand continues to exceed supply elevating pricing.
- Colossal and super colossal sizes remain limited due to wild fire smoke.

Peppers, Chili Peppers
- Supplies of Poblano, Thai Chili, and Serrano peppers remain light.
- Red Fresno peppers are particularly limited and priced well above normal levels.

Potatoes
- New crop harvest is underway.
- Large-size potatoes (40-70 count) expected to remain limited throughout the season due to less acreage, water issues and high nightime temps.
- Smaller sizes (80-120 count) have better availability.
- Markets remain strong, particularly for larger potatoes.

Raspberries
- Supplies from Mexico remain steady and Texas coming on board, but hurricane impacts have reduced volumes.
- Quality is fair to good.
- Shelf life may be reduced on some lots.
- Tighter supplies and upward pricing pressure are expected.

Scallions
- Quality is fair with insect damage and smaller sizing reported.
- Supplies remain limited but continue to improve.

Snow Peas / Sugar Snap Peas
- Guatamala supplies remain extremely limited.
- Markets remain active due to ongoing supply constraints.
- Domestic availability constrained by weather challenges and field trasitions.

Spinach
- Quality is good. Supplies remain limited.
- Increased insect pressure will impact yields.

Strawberries
- **ESCALATED,** Supplies continue to tighten even further following recent rainfall.
- Quality concerns include shorter shelf life, bruising, softness, premature breakdown, and lighter color.
- Availability is expected to remain very tight through December.

Sweet Potatoes
- New crop harvest is underway and has begun the 3-4 week curing process before shipment.
- Limited old-crop supplies remain available driving prices on all sizes.
- Demand remains strong and markets continue to firm.
- Quality on remaining old-crop inventory ranges from fair to poor.

Tomatoes
- Round tomato supplies are expected to remain tight for the next three weeks with some shortages . Snacking tomatoes remain very tight.

Produce continued

Seasonal Specialty Produce

- The following seasonal items are available during October while season lasts:

#EP914	Baby Fennel
#A6306	Baby Beets Red
#WA882	Baby Beets Gold
#GN890	Baby Turnips
#57188	Baby Rainbow Carrots- 5lb w/top
#H0834	Bulk Rainbow Carrots- 25lb
#WC382	Black Mission Figs
#GK348	Escarole
#EK170	Celery Root
#EK054	Frisee
#78044	Belgian Endive
#EK308	Candy Cane Beets
#EK312	Gold Beets
#GK282	Radicchio

Seasonal Specialty Produce

- Seasonal inventory available for November/December.

Pomegranates, 30 ct, (#GH324)
Asian Pears, 10 lb, (#EJ978)
Fuyu Persimmons, 44 ct, (#GR340)
Escarole, 16 ct, (#GK247)



