

# **ISLANDS WEST PRODUCE WEEKLY SPECIALS**

OCTOBER 5<sup>TH</sup> – OCTOBER 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2024



**STANDARD** 25lb Case **British Columbia** 



**RASPBERRIES FRESH** 12x6oz Case California



LIMES 200/250ct Case California



**LEEKS BULK** 30lb Case Vancouver Island



**YAMS JUMBO** 40lb Case California



SHREDDED 5lb Bag Vancouver Island



**POULTRY SEASONING** [DRIED SPICE] 375g Ctn.



ASPARAGUS SPEARS IQF [FROZEN] 4x1kg/Case

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Tastes like...

With a more delicate and sweeter flavor than onions. leeks add a subtle touch to recipes without 5 overpowering the other flavors that are present.

#### How can you use them?

They are versatile and can be enjoyed on their own while adding depth to dishes like stews, soups, and pastas.



Looks like...

They look like oversized scallions or green onions, long and cylindrical - with white stems and root and green at the top of the stem.

Is the whole leek edible? You can only eat its stalk just above the roots and stem base.

LEEKS

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## **ISLANDS WEST PRODUCE MARKETSCOPE** OCTOBER 5<sup>TH</sup> – OCTOBER 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2024

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Welcome to October!

As temperatures swing by 30 degrees-fluctuating between cool nights and heatwaves-California's weather is unpredictable right now. Production is expected to slow gently in the coming weeks as temperatures continue to change.

As for local products, we have plenty of Thanksgiving favorites, including Potatoes, Leeks, Brussels Sprouts, Onions, Rutabaga, and Parsnips. We've got Pumpkins on Pumpkins, all shapes and sizes. Seasonal items include fresh Cranberries and our Herb Bird packs, which feature a blend of fresh Dill, Marjoram, Rosemary, Sage, and Thyme–essential ingredients for your fall recipes. Be sure to check in with your sales rep for more information!



#### LETTUCE

ICEBERG: Strong supply from California - we have 24ct liner and cello available, and we continue to offer our in-house chopped product.

**ROMAINE**: We have a steady supply of 24ct and Romaine hearts. Romaine prices are climbing due to the import restrictions. We continue to offer our in-house chopped product.

LEAF: We have 24ct California Red and Green Leaf. Green Leaf production in Salinas is steady, with good quality.

BUTTER: We have great quality California 24ct field Butter Lettuce available as well as the clamshell Butter Lettuce.

TUSCAN SPRING MIX: Plenty available.

ARUGULA: We continue to stock the 2x2lb Arugula.

ARTISAN: Good quality with strong supply.

SPINACH W&T: There is a good supply of wash n trim Spinach available. The quality continues to be good.



#### **ONIONS/ POTATOES**

ONIONS: We will continue to stock the 25lb White Onions and Yellow Medium Onions. We have Red Jumbo Onions on sale this week! Green Onions are available, stable in price.

SHALLOTS: 8x5lbs mesh available, stable in price.

**POTATOES:** All colors are new crop. White and Yellow Nuggets are available in 50lbs and 5lbs. We continue to stock Fingerlings as well. Yukon Gold large on sale this week!



#### **PEPPERS**

Bagged: Mixed 2lbs, and 1lbs Mini Mixed Peppers available.

COLOURED: Yellow and Orange in steady supply but tight in pricing. Red 25lbs price is trending slightly down.



SOUASH

HARD: Local Spaghetti, Acorn, Butternut, Banana, and Kabocha available.

SOFT: We are on the last few cases of local Green Zucchini; it is slightly larger than normal. We also have California product in stock.



#### **TOMATOES**

We have both the 5x6 and 6x7 Californian product available, Romas, Yellow on the vine, BC Beefsteak, and BC Red on the Vine.

SMALL: We have plenty of the 12/1pt Grape, Medley and Red Cherry available.

#### **BROCCOLI/CAULIFLOWER**



BROCCOLI: We will have both the Domestic and Asian cut crowns as well as the 14ct, slightly up in price due to availability issues.

CAULIFLOWER: We will have both the 9 & 12ct available, slightly increasing in price due to demand.

BROCCOLINI: Steady supply of great quality Broccolini available, price has increased.

#### **CITRUS**



**ORANGES:** We will continue to have the 56ct Valencia's Oranges available. We also have Cara Cara's, and have begun stocking Chinese

Mandarins.

LEMONS: We will have the 140 Californian Lemons in stock. LIMES: We are stocking the 200cts and 250cts.

#### MELONS

CANTALOUPE: We will have a good supply of California 12ct and 15ct available. Market is tightening with increased demand and less

supply. It is likely the last week or so for California product. HONEYDEW: We will have 6ct available, stable in price - it is likely the last week or so for California product.

WATERMELON: Good supply of Watermelon available.



#### BERRIES

This week we will have a good supply of 12oz Raspberries. We have plenty of Strawberries (Driscol's and Natures Reward). Limited supply of Gooseberries and Blackberries.



## ISLANDS WEST PRODUCE LOCAL SHEET OCTOBER 5<sup>TH</sup> – OCTOBER 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2024

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### LOWER MAINLAND

### **BC Fresh**

Brussel Sprouts Radishes Rutabaga Savoy Cabbage Carrots Gold Beets Turnips

## BC

### Greenhouses

Long English Cucumbers Beefsteak Tomatoes Grape Tomatoes Medley Tomatoes On the Vine Tomatoes Orange Peppers Red Peppers Yellow Peppers

## Champs / Avina Mushrooms

Jumbo Brown White Oyster Portabella Shitake

## **Badyal Farms**

Corn

## RGR

Bunched Beets (last call) Bunched Carrots (last call) Bunched Spinach Green Zucchini

### VANCOUVER ISLAND

### **Michell Farms**

Large Beets Kale Large Parsnips

### Green Cabbage Red Cabbage Leeks

### **Galey Farms**

Corn

### **Echo Farms**

Kennebec Potatoes Red Potatoes Yellow Potatoes

## IVCA

Large Yukon VI Carrots Yellow Potatoes COMING SOON Kalettes!

\*\*Product subject to availability