

# ISLANDS WEST PRODUCE WEEKLY SPECIALS

**OCTOBER 11<sup>TH</sup> - 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2025** 



TOMATOES 5X6 EXTRA LARGE 25lb Case California



NUGGETS (SMALL)

50lb Case

Vancouver Island



PEPPERS GREEN
CHOICE
25lb Case
California



ONION YELLOW SLICED 3/8" 5lb Bag



CANTALOUPE MELONS
12ct Case
California



GARLIC CHOPPPED ROASTED [DRIED SPICE] 500g Ctn.



LEEKS BULK 30lb Case Vancouver Island



PEAS FANCY IQF [FROZEN] 6x2kg Case



# A FALL INSPIRED SOUP JUST FOR YOU! Chunky Potato Leek and Broccoli Soup!



#### **INGREDIENTS**

- 3 med potatoes, peeled and diced
- 1 cup finely chopped leeks
- 1 stalk of celery, diced
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 3 medium carrots, diced
- 1 med broccoli cut into florets, stalk diced
- 1 clove of garlic, minced
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- 2 Tbsp peanut oil

- 1 teaspoon sesame oil
- 1 Tbsp butter
- a pinch of red chili flakes
- 2 bay leaves
- a pinch of onion, garlic, and paprika powder
- 1/3 cup heavy cream
- 73 cup neavy cream
- 5 cups vegetable stock
- salt and pepper to taste

#### **DIRECTIONS**

In a soup pot, drizzle in peanut oil and sesame oil. Bring to low to medium heat. Toss in onions, carrots, celery. Saute for 2 minutes. Add in leeks, broccoli, and potatoes and stir well. Toss in butter and stir again. Saute for another 2-3 minutes.

Season with onion, garlic, and paprika powder. Add a dash of salt and pepper and stir.

Add bay leaves, and pour in vegetable broth. Taste for seasoning and add if necessary. Simmer on low for 20 minutes.

 $Add \ heavy \ cream \ and \ stir \ well, \ simmer \ for \ another \ 5 \ minutes. \ Take \ off \ heat \ and \ remove \ the \ bay \ leaves.$ 

With a hand blender blend soup minimally leaving some chunks.

Ladle soup into bowls. Add a pinch of red chili flakes.

Ready to serve and Enjoy!







# ISLANDS WEST PRODUCE MARKETSCOPE

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The information that we continue to hear from the suppliers in California is still on the gloomy side. They are saying that the quality is on the rough side due to the rain and humidity that the growing areas have experienced over the last 2 weeks and that they are expecting the quality challenges to continue for the remainder of the Salinas growing season. So, the other downside is that we are still seeing prices continue to remain high on most items with some even increasing again this week as the demand for all produce is remaining very strong.

From the island we have all coloured potatoes, Kennebec potatoes, large russet potatoes, all hard squash, some lettuce product, carrots, green cabbage, parsnips and red and gold beets. From our mainland growers we are seeing limited amounts of green beans, brussels sprouts, bunch radish and LE cucumbers.



#### **LETTUCE**

ICEBERG: Due to low supply, we are seeing the price for the Californian head lettuce trend

upwards this week. We will have both the liner and cello wrapped.

**ROMAINE**: We will have good supplies of the 24ct Californian available for the week, as with the head lettuce, we are seeing the price trend upwards for the week. There will be a limited supply of Vancouver Island product. We also have our in-house chopped Romaine labor saver.

**LEAF**: We have 24ct California Green Leaf, as well as Red Vancouver Island products available for the week.

**BUTTER**: We will have available 12ct Hothouse Living Butter Lettuce this week. There is also the 24ct field Butter available.

TUSCAN SPRING MIX: We have a good stock of the 3lb case.

**ARUGULA**: We continue to stock the 2x2lbs. **ARTISAN**: We continue to stock the 24cts.

SPINACH W&T: We have a good supply of the 4x2.5lbs cases.



#### **ONIONS/POTATOES**

**ONIONS**: Supply is peaking on Washington onions right now and prices are down. In stock

for the week, we have the jumbo red & yellow as well as the medium yellow. We have 25lb white jumbo as well as local Walla Walla sweets in a 30lb case.

SHALLOTS: Available in 5lb whole, or 2lb peeled.

**POTATOES**: The coloured Potatoes available for this week are from Vancouver Island. We have nugget and med red as well as nugget, med and large yellow. We have a good supply of medium & jumbo sweet potatoes and the medium, large and jumbo yams. We also still have a good selection of the Little Potato Company product in stock including the popular Fingerlings.



#### **PEPPERS**

**BAGGED:** We have the 10/2lb mixed bagged peppers in stock with the quality being good but we are seeing the price remain stable for this week.

**COLOURED**: We have in stock BC #1 Extra Large Red, Orange and Yellow peppers. We have from California, the green and red 25lb cases in stock.



#### **SQUASH**

**HARD**: We have Vancouver Island acorn, banana, butternut, kabocha and spaghetti available. From the lower mainland we also

have the delicata squash. We will have this week for you zucchini needs, the 22lb medium and 40lb large Californian green zucchini as well as a limited supply of the yellow



#### **BROCCOLI/CAULIFLOWER**

**BROCCOLI**: We continue to see the broccoli market this week with tight supply and high prices. We will have the Domestic and Asian cut

crowns as well as the 14ct bunch in stock.

We will have a limited supply of broccolini this week in both iced and iceless, ask your sales rep for details on the iceless.

**CAULIFLOWER**: We will have both the 9 and 12count in stock this week. As with the broccoli, the market has become tight and the price has become high.



#### **TOMATOES**

**FULL SIZE**: We have in stock, the 5X6 and 6X7 field tomatoes We are seeing the field tomato market

price continue to remain stable for this week. Even with the strong demand, the roma tomato prices are remaining stable due a stronger supply. Beef tomatoes are stable while tov's are down with both coming from Mexico this week.

**SMALL:** In stock are grape, cherry and symphony in the 12X1pt as well as the 10 bulk symphony.



#### CITRUS

**ORANGES:** All our oranges continue to be from Australia. We have 48, 56 and 64ct navel in stock this week. We have the Cara Cara bulk and 15/2lb bag

Peruvian mandarins. Also available, China mandarins in the 15kg bulk and then 4lb personal box.

**LEMONS**: We will have the 115 & 140ct Californian product in stock this week

**LIMES**: We have 175ct in stock with price continuing to be strong with good demand this time of year. The forecast are that prices will continue to climb due to the supply being low.



#### **MELONS**

**CANTALOUPE**: We have in stock 12 and 15ct size from Californian. Prices are good this week but as we near the end of the California deal we expect

to see higher pricing as early as next week.

**HONEYDEW**: We have 6 and 8ct Californian in stock. Same deal as the cantaloupe market we will see honeydew prices start to move up as early as next week.

**WATERMELON**: In stock, we have both of the Washington and Californian seedless 8ct. We are nearing the end of the California melon season and prices will move up as we transition to Mexico for supply.



#### BERRIES

There will be 8X1lb strawberries and 12/6oz raspberries and blackberries from Driscoll's.

We will have a limited supply of 12/6oz Peruvian blueberries to start the week.



# ISLANDS WEST PRODUCE LOCAL SHEET

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# **LOCALLY SOWN | LOCALLY GROWN**





### **Bean Sprout King**

**Bean Sprouts** 

#### **Windset Farms**

Lettuce, Butter Peppers, Pointed Mini Tomatoes, Beefsteak Tomatoes, Grape Tomatoes, Cherry Tomatoes. On the Vine Tomatoes, Symphony

### **Avina Mushrooms**

Mushrooms, Brown Jumbo Mushrooms, Exotic Mix Mushrooms, Oyster Mushrooms, Portabella #2 Mushrooms, White Jumbo

#### V.I. Farms

Peppers, Orange Peppers, Red Peppers, Yellow

**IVCA** 

Beets, Red

Carrots, Nantes

Carrots, Standard

Squash, Acorn

Squash, Banana

Squash, Butternut

Squash, Kabocha Squash, Spaghetti

## **Champs Mushrooms**

Mushrooms, Portabella #1 Mushrooms, White, #1 Mushrooms, White Button Mushrooms, White Foodservice Mushrooms, White Institution Mushrooms, White Sliced Mushrooms, Chefs Mix

#### Van Eekelen

**Belgium Endive** 

#### **BC Fresh**

Beets, Gold [Medium] Carrots [Baby Peeled] Carrots [Jumbo] Radish, Bunch Squash, Delicata

# **VANCOUVER ISLAND**

## **Eatmore Sprouts**

Sprouts, Alfalfa Sprouts, Clover Sprouts, Pea Shoots

#### V.I. Farms

Cucumbers, LE

# CANADA

# The Little Potato Company

Potato, Creamers Mixed Potato, Creamers Red Potato, Creamers Yellow Potato, Red Size "B"

#### **Michells**

Lettuce, Red Lettuce, Romaine Parsnips [Large] Rutabaga Zucchini, Green Zucchini, Yellow

# **Echo Valley Farms**

Potatoes, Kennebec Potatoes, Red [Med, Nuggets] Potatoes, Yellow [Lg, Med, Nuggets]

## **Grocery Partners**

Bread [Various Varieties] - Portofino Eggs - Farmer Bens Mandarin Juice - Joosy [6x1L] Tofu, Firm - Green Cuisine Tofu, Wet Pack - Green Cuisine

\*\*Product subject to availability