JVI SPECIALTY PRODUCE SINCE 1919

weekly

Buyer Report

WEEK 44: OCT 26 — OCT 30, 2026

NEW & NOTABLE



GARLIC MARKET UPDATE

The garlic market, particularly for Chinese white garlic, has been inching up over the last week. The cause is due to delays at the shipping point limiting product on the market. Prices are expected to improve as availability normalizes over the coming weeks. In the meatime, all packs are available to begin the week: **peeled**, **black garlic**, **loose**, and **5-pack garlic.**



UPCOMING IN IMPORTS

Imports season is on the horizon. Greek **chestnuts** are expected to arrive in the beginning of November. Following closely behind will be **'Rojo Brillante' persimmon** (AKA kaki) from Spain. That season will begin around Thanksgiving. **'Wonderful' pomegranates** from the Mediterranean will begin mid-December. **Cherimoya** is done.



SPOTLIGHT: RED KURI SQUASH

Specialty hard squash is in its peak season and we have another spotlight to highlight one of the seasons many varieties: **red kuri squash**. Red kuri is a mini hubbard variety with a teardrop shape. Its flavor is rich and sweet, with hints of chestnut. It can be used similar to kabocha squash — braised, steamed, pureed, baked, and fried.

MARKET UPDATES

Availability is not guaranteed. We work hard to provide the most accurate possible information, but this is produce and circumstances may change quickly. Contact sales to confirm current availability.

NEW/BACK IN

- Fancy Medjool Dates
- Filipinio Eggplant
- Mini Green Brussels Sprouts
- Quenepa (Dominican)

WHAT'S LOCAL

- Baby Bok Choy (NJ)
- Bunched Herbs (NJ) — Dill & Italian Parsley
- Honeynut Squash (PA)

PEAK SEASON

- Beans (Mexico) — Fava & Garbanzo
- Brazilian Melons — Arara, Canary, Piel de Sapo, Mini Watermelon
- Clementine Mandarin (Peru)
- Finger Limes (CA)
- Mangosteen (Mexico)
- Pie Pumpkin (OH)
- Rambutan (Mexico)
- Specialty Hard Squash — Gold Acorn, White Acorn, Carnival, Gold Nugget, Blue Hubbard, Gold Hubbard, Red Kuri, Sweet Dumpling, Turk' s Turban
- Red Cactus Pear (Mexico)

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TIGHT

- Cucumbers — Persian & Cello
- Herbs — Chives, Rosemary, & Thyme
- Red Watercress
- Snow Peas
- Squash Blossoms
- Watermelon Radish

WINDING DOWN

- Black Mission Figs (CA)

FINISHED

- Cherimoya (Chile)
- Chives (PA)
- Simply Sweet® Onion (PA)

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MAJOR MARKET ALERTS

BLACK MISSION FIGS: California black mission figs are expected to gap this week.

COSTA RICA PRODUCT: The markets for product out of Costa Rica is beginning to normalize.

MARADOL PAPAYAS: A shipping mishap caused maradols to gap last week in our coolers. Product should be available again to begin the week.

RED WATERCRESS: Red watercress from B&W is currently limited due to weather issues.

WATERMELON RADISH: The market for watermelon radish is tight and climbing higher.

UPCOMING OCCASIONS

DIA DE LOS MUERTOS
Next Week!





DAYLIGHT SAVINGS
Next Week!

HALLOWEEN

Happy Halloween! While Halloween brings a lot of tricks and treats, there is nothing spooky about JVI's delicious produce. Here is what will be enjoying as the holiday crawls up this week!

HALLOWEEN BLOG POST



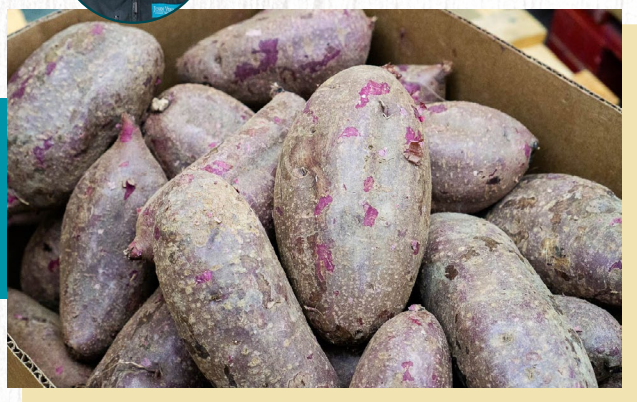
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DEEP PURPLE SWEET POTATOES

MARCO'S TOP TIP

Purple sweets are very popular in the fall. Their color compliments the season very well.



VIEW MORE OF PURPLE SWEETS

Did You Know? | Purple sweet potatoes maintain their color when cut or cooked.