

Buyer Report

WEEK 50: DEC 8 - DEC 12, 2025

NEW & NOTABLE



POMS FROM JVI IMPORTS

The season for Israeli **pomegranates** started last week! JVI Imports exclusively sources the 'Wonderful' variety. Be mindful: you may see other pomegranate varieties on the market but 'Wonderful' is the preferred variety for many. Packs that are just in are 3.8 KG with a mix of sizing (including large!) available. Contact Sales for pricing.



TEXAS PRODUCT AVAILABILITY

The season for local product wrapped and started to transition into Texas supply right before Thanksgiving. As the season gets underway more varieties have become available. Just in we have: green kale, Tuscan kale, green swiss chard, rainbow swiss chard, mustard greens, methi leaf, bunched dill, arugula, and kholrabi.



SOUTH AFRICAN LYCHEE

The season for Mexican lychee wrapped at the end of July. After gapping since, **lychee** has returned for the holidays! Note that these are not Mexican supplies, they are currently being sourced out of South Africa, 10 LB packs. Other soapberries available include 15 LB packs of **rambutan** out of Guatemala. Contact Sales for pricing across varieties.

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

- African Eggplant
- Cranberry Beans
- Green Cooker Banana (Guatemala)
- Lychee (South Africa)
- Navel Orange (CA) 6x8 LB
- Salad Greens Crispy Green Leaf, Green Romaine, Red & Green Leaf, Sweet & Crispy, Spring Mix
- Salad Kits Caesar & Southwest
- 'Wonderful' Pomegranate (Israel)
- Yams Jamaican & Ghana

WHAT'S LOCAL

- Italian Parsley (NJ)
- Red Beet (NJ)

GOOD VALUE

Hass Avocado — 32 & 36 CT

PEAK SEASON

- Brazilian Melons Arara, Canary, Piel de Sapo, Mini Watermelon
- Cactus Pears (Mexico) Green & Red
- Cherimoya (Chile)
- Chestnut (Greece)
- Fava Beans (Mexico)
- Garbanzo Beans (Mexico)
- Hidden Rose® Apple (OR)
- Kumquat (FL)
- Pie Pumpkin (OH)
- Rambutan (Guatemala)
- Starfruit (FL)
- Tejocotes (Mexico)

TIGHT

- Chayote (Costa Rica)
- Yellow Plantain
- Yuca

FINISHED

Honeynut (PA)

COMING SOON

- Red Currants (Chile)
- 'Rojo Brillante' Persimmon (Spain)

NOTEWORTHY

OCCASIONS

DEC 14 - DEC 22 | HANUKKAH

DEC 21 | WINTER SOLSTICE

DEC 23 | DAY OF RADISHES

JAN 19 | MLK DAY

DEC 24 - Dec 25 | CHRISTMAS DEC 31 - JAN 1 | NEW YEAR

FEB 8 | SUPERBOWL SUNDAY

FEB 14 | VALENTINE'S DAY

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JOHN VENA INC. SPECIALTY PRODUCE

MAJOR MARKET ALERTS

AVOCADO: The market for big avocados, particularly 32 counts and 36 counts, remains a good value.

CITRUS: The California citrus season is here! Supplies of navels are available. Meyer lemons and cara cara oranges are expected soon.

HERBS: The market for herbs is beginning to rebound as quality improves.

HONEYNUT: The season for honeyout squashed has finished for 2025.

OKRA: Supply was short heading into last week. Supplies of Indian okra are just in.

RED CURRANTS: JVI Imports red currants are due in mid-week out of Chile.

'ROJO BRILLANTE' PERSIMMON: 'Rojo Brillante' (AKA kaki) persimmon are due to arrive soon. Contact Sales for pricing.

UPCOMING OCCASIONS

HOLIDAY MARKET STORE HOURS

Please review our PWPM Market Store hours for the upcoming holidays!

CHRISTMAS HOURS

WED DEC 24 | Open 3AM-11 AM

THUR DEC 25 | CLOSED

FRI DEC 26 | CLOSED

SAT DEC 27 | CLOSED

SUN DEC 28 | Re-open at 8AM

NEW YEARS EVE HOURS

WED DEC 31 | Open 3AM-11AM

THUR JAN 1 | CLOSED

FRI JAN 2 | CLOSED

SAT JAN 3 | CLOSED

SUN JAN 4 | Re-open at 8AM



HOLIDAY HOTSHEET

We've entered one of the busiest times of year for produce. Plan ahead with our annual holiday flyer:

PAY ATTENTION TO ORDER DEADLINES!

For Christmas

Babé Farms: Fri. 12/12 Fresh Origins: Thurs. 12/18

For New Years Eve

Babé Farms: Fri. 12/19

Fresh Origins: Mon. 12/22 @ 11:30 AM

FAST FACTS with Tom A

KUMQUATS

TOM'S TOP TIP

Kumquats are in season out of Florida and are expected to be steady for the holiday season.



Did You Know? Kumquats are the complete opposite of a typical citrus variety. It's rind is sweet while the flesh is tart.