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Specialty PRODUCE REPORT

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Featured Items



Chestnuts – Chestnuts are enclosed in dark brown, fibrous shells. Crack them open—this is best done when cooked—to reveal a cream-colored kernel with silky texture and mildly nutty flavor. Traditional in fall and winter foods, chestnuts can be featured in cakes, cookies, soups, and stuffings. They are often roasted and served as appetizers or candied and used in desserts. Available through December in 5- and 25-pound cartons.



Kumquats – Tiny, entirely edible kumquats look like miniature, oval oranges. They are approximately one inch in length and add tart citrus-like contrast to foods such as cheesecakes, green salads, and roasted poultry. Kumquats make elegant garnishes, especially when the leaves and branches are attached. Marmalade is another ideal application. Kumquats are available from November to July and shipped in 5- and 10-pound packs.



Satsuma Tangerines – Satsuma Mandarins are small, seedless citrus fruits with thick, easy-to-peel rinds. Known for being intensely sweet and juicy, Satsumas are ideal in green and fruit salads, Asian sauces, desserts, and to balance rich ingredients like duck and shellfish. Available through mid-January, Satsuma Mandarin oranges are typically packed in 28-pound boxes.

This blend of earthy greens, bitter kumquats, and sweet yams hits the mark for fall and winter salad menus.

CALENDAR

November

23: Thanksgiving Day

December

- 7: Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- 13: First Day of Hanukkah
- 21: Winter Begins
- 24: Christmas Eve
- 25: Christmas
- 26: Kwanzaa Begins Boxing Day (CAN)
- 31: New Year's Eve

Information courtesy of 4Earth Farms, Markon's exclusive partner for specialty produce.

Updates

In Season* – Buddha hands (by the ct.), pummelos (6-, 8-, 10-, and 14-ct. boxes), oro blancos (18- to 23-ct. cartons), cranberries (24/12-oz. packs), Lady and crab apples (10-lb. box), Crimson Gold apples (12/1-lb. cartons), Hidden Rose apples (1-layer box), Green Dragon apples (50- and 60-ct. cartons), chocolate Fuyu persimmons (2-layer pack), Romanescos (9- and 12-ct. flats), green olives (16-lb. box), coralline chicory (3-lb. pack), dragon fruits (9- and 10-lb. boxes), yellow dragon fruits (8-lb. pack), cooked beets (10/1-lb. packs), watermelon radishes (10- and 25-lb. flats), Hachiya/Fuyu persimmons (1-layer flats), finger limes (8-oz. clamshells), melo golds (18- to 23-ct. flats), sunchokes (10- and 20-lb. packs), mangosteens (15-lb. carton), pomegranate seeds (various packs), Meyer lemons (10-, 20-, and 40-lb. boxes), peeled black garlic (1-lb. flat), yuzu (10-lb. pack), and gold kiwifruits (27- to 33-ct. cartons).

Limited Supplies – Fava beans (10- and 25-lb. boxes), red/yellow teardrop tomatoes (12-ct. half-pints), figs (12-pint cartons), cherimoyas (10-lb. pack), purple/white asparagus (11-lb. carton), sea beans (5-lb. flat), French/yellow wax beans (10-lb. carton), plums and pluots (2-layer packs), baby squashes (5- and 10-lb. boxes), Ghost chile peppers (8/.5-gram flats), Romano beans (10-lb. pack), English peas (10- and 25-lb. cartons), Porcini mushrooms (1- and 5-lb. boxes), purple wax beans (10-lb. flat), sapotes (10-lb. pack), passion fruits (1-layer cartons), Habanero chile peppers (10-lb. flat), Thai coconuts (9-ct. pack), baby bok choy (10- and 30-lb. boxes), rambutans (5-lb. carton), feijoas (30- to 39-ct. flats), baby beets (24-ct. pack), star fruits (12- to 18-ct. packs), jack fruits (40-lb. carton), red Fresno chile peppers (10-lb. box), artichokes (all sizes), domestic black truffles (by the lb.), Castelfranco (6- and 8-ct. flats), baby kiwifruits (12/4-oz. packs), mini sweet peppers (12/1-lb. cartons), Kumato and yellow tomatoes (10-lb. boxes), baby green and purple Brussels sprouts (12/5-pint packs).

Season Ended – Star fruits (12- to 18-ct. cartons).

Coming Soon – Domestic blood oranges (10- and 20-lb. flats) and Chilean stone fruit (various sizes).

* Please check with your sales representative for lead times.



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