

Chef's TOYBOX



April 22 – 28, 2018

Featured



QUINCE

179260 28 ct.
These are the key ingredient in *membrillo*. Allow a few days for them to ripen and enjoy cooked down with wine and vanilla to make a paste; wonderful in compotes and sauces. Their bright yellow color will magically transform to a peachy-rosy color when cooked.



CRIMSON SHISHITO

167570 10 lb.
A close cousin of the shishito pepper the crimson Shishito is a touch sweeter than the greenie. The elusive crimson shishito is also mostly mild with one in ten being sneakily hot!



OJAI PIXIE TANGERINE

161140 20 lb.
A cute little tangerine, sometimes with a flattened bottom. Thin skin that is easy to peel and a sweet flavor that is not too juicy. Try them paired with olives and pistachios.



CANDY HEART GRAPES

130665 10/1.1 lb.
These grapes are stunning and magenta. Exceptionally crisp and explosively juicy! From the same growers of Cotton Candy Grapes. From Chile for a very limited growing season. (Limited availability)

GREEN MUSCATO GRAPES

130960 10/1.1 lb.
Green to amber-green seedless grapes with a crisp, firm texture and a delicious tangy sweetness. Toss in fruit salads for texture, color, and a burst of juicy flavor.

RAMPS

159040 5 lbs.
Another harbinger of spring! Tender and edible from root to end, beautiful grilled for a punchy sweet addition to your spring menu.

FLORIDA PEACHES

163660 8 lb.
Support Local! As volume production transitions from South America to California, enjoy these local gifts! Layer packed. A special treat from north-central Florida!

GOLDEN NUGGET MANDARINS

145780 28 lb.
Named for their pebbly texture on the outside, these are easy to peel and easy to segment. Seedless. This late citrus season should last through the spring.

FUCHSIA FLOWERS

126340 50 ct.
Locally grown and beautifully delicate. Their color is striking! A lovely garnish to a salad or dessert.

LOCAL PINK GUAVA

132285 12 ct.
Wait for the skins to shade into yellow and the pink flesh will soften to the consistency of ripe pear. Famously used in *pastelitos*! Great in other sweet preparations or sliced and eaten as is.

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FIDDLEHEAD FERNS

125080 5 lb.

This will be stocked in limited quantities. Crispy-tender curly Q's of spring! Coming from the west coast at this time. Crunchy and succulent, grassy and woody.

YELLOW CARROTS

116510 25 lb.

This specialty carrot is grown in California. It's an elegant change up to a common vegetable, giving you the gourmet edge. Excellent source of iron and vitamin C.

MEXICAN SPRING ONIONS

156940 10 lb.

Also known as Chambray onions, young small bulbs in a white color, reaching up into an edible green shoot. Wonderful, tender and mild. Great for grilling whole.

KUMQUATS

140260 10 lb.

These diminutive members of the citrus family are fully edible except for the seeds. Enjoy the aromatic skin and the enjoyable balance the pith provides, along with the juicy flesh.

PURPLE ASPARAGUS

106420 11 lb.

An exciting variation on this tall standing favorite. Lovely purple hues highlight the shoots and tips, making it an exquisite addition to your plate.

OROBLANCO

161500 18 ct.

The Siamese Sweet contributed lower acid to this hybrid, and the Duncan contributed flavor, and the result is a new variety that is the most widely grown and flavorful Grapefruit/Pomelo cross.

BROWN HON SHIMEJI MUSHROOMS

151360 12/3.5 oz.

Hon Shimeji mushrooms have burlap-colored, smooth, petite globular caps and slender, ivory. Their flavor is savory, yet mild and nutty; their texture is firm. In Italian, known as "Pioppini."

FRESH GARBANZO BEANS

108160 15 lb.

If you are so used to using dried or canned versions of these beans, you will be pleasantly surprised at their delicate nature. And oh so pleased with the fun, fresh flavor change up!

SAFFRON

181200 1 oz.

Simply add a few precious threads to rice, broth, pasta dough and sauces to create a breathtaking golden color and unique flavor. Very complimentary to seafood.

FLORIDA JUICING ORANGES

160540 100 ct.

In good season from our own backyard! Not necessarily lookers, but man, do they yield good juice! Enjoy a fresh-squeezed glass today!

BLOOD ORANGES

159880 20 lb.

From California. We welcome this special fruit back for the domestic growing season! They are beautifully formed with nice dark color on the inside; and eating sweet with a nice complex tart finish.

POMELO

178660 12 ct.

The big beautiful cousin to grapefruit has been harvested early this year as a bountiful gift from the Mexican sun. The flesh is reddish and the skin is very aromatic!

YELLOW SPLIT PEAS

163220 10 lb.

Dried, very high quality. Wonderful in soups and Indian Dal. A healthy protein and fiber contributor in a vegetarian diet, but also not one to shy away from a nice ham hock!

GALIA MELON

148840 9 ct.

Pale green flesh with a signature spicy sweet flavor with tropical perfumed aromatics. Coming from Honduras this time of year.

LIVING MICRO AFFILLA

150785 3 lb. tray

Still rooted in their growing medium, this member of the pea family is lively and bright green, and ready for you to cut-to-order for a beautiful fresh addition to your creation.