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**Sweet!**

### September is National Honey Month

Honey is a thick, sweet liquid made by bees from flower nectar. The flavor and color of honey is characteristic of its floral source due to minerals and other minor components. Generally, lighter honeys have a milder flavor and darker honeys have a stronger more robust flavor. There are hundreds of different honeys throughout the world, most of them named for the flower from which they originate, the most popular being clover.

Honey is widely used as a bread spread or as a sweetener and flavoring agent for baked goods, liquids (such as tea), desserts and in savory dishes. There are several advantages to cooking with honey:

- Honey is "hygroscopic" (absorbs moisture), so that foods baked with it tend to be softer, more moist and keep their freshness longer.
- For the same sweetening power, honey has fewer calories than sugar.
- Different honeys have different flavors - which chosen wisely, will complement and add an extra dimension to the dish.

In observance of National Honey Month, indulge your senses with one of the exotic flavors of honey offered by European Imports, Inc.:



**Langnese** imported from Germany.  
**Sabatino** Truffle Honey made in the USA.  
**Sarah's Wonderful Honey** imported from Ireland.  
**Some Honey** made in the USA.  
**Ziyad** Honeycomb imported from Turkey.

An innovative take on honey:  
**Nektar Naturals** Honey Crystals made in the USA. 100% natural crystallized honey in convenient easy to use packets.

# Under the Dome

by Jeff Babcock, Cheese Specialist

## Hail to the Blue & Gold!



There's a reason Kerrygold Aged Cheddar Cheese tastes like heaven: it's made by monks. Well, at least it was thirteen centuries ago when they first started their divine new hobby. Today they use the same attention to detail and the same naturally abundant land to create our 21st century version of this holy grail of Cheddar cheese.



Aged Cheddar is a pasteurized, grass-fed cow's milk cheese that is aged for one year and undergoes a stringent grading process as it matures. Only the best-tasting cheese makes it through, resulting in a Cheddar that is rich and full-bodied with a smooth finish. Slice it up with warm apple pie or make it the hero of a wine and cheese pairing.

**3515360      Aged Cheddar      2/5 lb**



Not far from Mad King Ludwig's castle in southern Bavaria comes an insane cheese, the decadent black waxed *Grand Noir*. This rich double cream blue is enrobed in sultry wax and set to age for many weeks in Allgäu, from the master cheese-makers at Kaserei Champignon, creators of the original *Cambozola*. The landscape here is scenic, leading to the Alps and the Swiss border, where the Swiss Brown cows contribute their grand milk. The buttery quality of this cheese is matched by the long aging, as the flavors begin to embolden over time, bringing forward intense fermented fruit, lactic tartness and flowery molds, yet it remains balanced and sweet. Almost like butter, the cheese simply melts away in your mouth leaving you only with the sweet memory of Bavaria.

**3598895      Grand Noir      1/5.5 lb**



# Wild and Unique Foods

by Tim Doyle, Meat & Game Specialist

## Toscana Italian Prosciutto DOP



Finally, we have a truly unique style of Northern Prosciutto. Piacenti Prosciutto Toscano DOP (protected designation of origin). Many people have written books about Northern Italy's cured raw hams. Broadly speaking, they can be divided into two categories: dolce (sweet), and Toscano (salty and home made). Dolce is more refined and much more expensive and saved for Italy.

Toscano is heavily salted and is rubbed with a spice mixture called agliata, made with garlic and pepper (the Tuscano label states wild juniper berries (Tuscan only), Tellicherry black pepper, garlic, sea salt and secret spices). This is the only ham made this way and it is only done at the first salting. The legs are all first pick legs and are manually trimmed and inspected to assure flawlessness. The crown of the Tuscan ham is larger than in other hams and allows a better absorption of flavor right from the first salting.



USDA suppliers from Italy have brought the supply up and the prices down.

- Toscano Prosciutto production per year, 300,000 hams
- Parma Prosciutto production per year, 8,000,000



Prosciutto Toscano has been produced in Tuscany under the same strict laws and traditions since the 15<sup>th</sup> Century. The PDO rules governing Prosciutto Toscano are similar to the rest of Italy's prosciutto, except the pigs must be born and raised in the region. They must all be of a certain weight and accompanied by a breeders certificate proving their provenance and must be air dried for 12-16 months. Nothing artificial can be used. In order to supply the USA, you must be USDA approved in Italy. This ham does not taste salty by any means. What a treat!

Every style of Italian prosciutto from every region have their own great rewards to delight your senses.

**3755768 Piacenti Prosciutto Toscano DOP**

**1/16 lb**





# For the Pastry Chef

## Karl Helfrich, Pastry Specialist

### Gluten Free!

We are happy to announce several new gluten free items to help you wow this growing market segment!



Pidy Gourmet has developed both sweet and neutral gluten free shells that don't sacrifice taste or convenience.



Both are made in 2" and 3.25" sizes. They are straight-sided and deep enough for a variety of applications. The 2" neutral shells are perfect for passed hors d'oeuvres, mini quiches, onion tarts and other one-bite creations, while the 3.25" neutral shell is great for a lunch-size portion of quiche, savory eggplant tart, etc. With the all-butter sweet shells, the sky is the limit for your creativity. The 2" makes a great vehicle for buffet creations like salted chocolate caramel tarts, lemon curd tarts, even mini (gluten free) streusel topped pies! The 3.25" sweet tart creates a satisfying dinner dessert for the gluten intolerant guest.



- 3819103 Gluten Free Neutral 2" Shell 1/70 ct
- 3819113 Gluten Free Neutral 3.25" Shell 1/27 ct
- 3818830 Gluten Free Sweet 2" Shell 1/70 ct
- 3818840 Gluten Free Sweet 3.25" Shell 1/27 ct



DE FRANCE



Bridor from France has developed a range of gluten free items that are delicious and convenient. Each item is individually packaged to prevent cross

contamination and can be heated in a microwave.

First we have a traditional French madeleine, made with the same traditional ingredients but with no gluten containing flours – delicious!

Next, the "briochette", a small brioche that tastes delicious but is gluten free.



Finally we have three gluten free chocolate lava cakes. Each has a different "molten" center when heated in a microwave. Choose from molten dark chocolate ganache, white chocolate raspberry or

lightly salted caramel centers. Either heat them in a 350° oven for seven minutes or heat in a microwave for 50 seconds!

- 3818772 Gluten Free Madeleine 1/50 ct
- 3819150 Gluten Free Mini Brioche 1/50 ct
- 3825615 Gluten Free Chocolate Lava Cake 1/30 ct
- 3826205 Gluten Free Choc-Raspberry Lava Cake 1/30 ct
- 3825621 Gluten Free Choc-Caramel Lava Cake 1/30 ct

## New Grocery

Introducing:

**VOSS®**  
artesian water from norway

VOSS bottled water comes from an artesian spring in a sparsely populated area on the southern tip of Norway. Confined in an aquifer deep beneath the earth, its pristine natural condition is protected from the source to the bottle. Naturally low in sodium and other minerals, VOSS has a fresh clean taste perfect for all hydration occasions and is also the choice of world renowned chefs wishing to enhance a fine dining experience. Recognized for its distinctly iconic bottle design, VOSS is now offered at the finest hotels and restaurants in 50 countries worldwide. VOSS is available in both still and sparkling.

VOSS takes a comprehensive and holistic approach to environmental stewardship by committing to the ongoing pursuit of 100% carbon neutrality. VOSS supports the Voss Foundation - a non-profit organization dedicated to providing access to clean water to communities in Sub-Saharan Africa and raising awareness of an ongoing need in the region.

Drinking plenty of pure water has significant health benefits. Staying hydrated will help maintain your energy level, help your body fight colds and infections, increase your mental and physical performance, improve concentration and reaction time, allow for proper digestion, and keep your skin looking healthy and youthful. Drink plenty of water. VOSS water.

Now available from European Imports, Inc:



**7008218 Still Water PET Bottle**  
24/11.15 oz

**0929404 Still Water PET Bottle**  
24/16.9 oz

**7008217 Still Water PET Bottle**  
12/28.74 oz



**1806225 Sparkling Water Glass Bottle**  
24/12.68 oz

**1806241 Sparkling Water Glass Bottle**  
12/27 oz

**9792136 Still Water Glass Bottle**  
24/12.68 oz

**8598532 Still Water Glass Bottle**  
12/27 oz

## New Grocery

### There's a new hot sauce in town:

Introducing Tabañero Hot Sauce. Tabañero Hot Sauce is often referred to as the most flavorful hot sauce in the world. Tabañero Hot Sauce is 100% all natural, gluten free, not vinegar based and the most flavorful hot sauce in the world. The unique flavor comes from the combination of carrots, onions, garlic, Key Lime juice, red habanero peppers and Agave nectar; which balances out the heat of the habaneros and adds a hint of sweetness. It has the perfect balance of flavor and heat to spice up any dish with a flavorful zest. Now available from European Imports, Inc. in two sizes:



<b>2695931</b>	<b>Hot Sauce</b>	<b>12/5 oz</b>
<b>2475848</b>	<b>Hot Sauce</b>	<b>4/1 Gal</b>



**New to the line:**

**3165595 Extra Virgin Olive Oil 4/3 L**  
Ybarra selects the best olives and controls every step in the process of the pressing of the olives for their oil.

### New to the Koon Chun line:

**4350013**  
**Ground Bean**  
**Sauce**  
**6/5 Lb**

Made from selected, naturally fermented soya beans, this multi-purpose paste gives strong flavor to grilled, baked, marinated & stir-fried dishes of meat, vegetable & fish.



### New to the Carmelina line:

**3731696**  
**Authentic Italian**  
**Pizza Sauce**  
**6/91 oz**

*This sauce is more than just a pizza sauce, imported from Italy, it is preservative-free, low in sodium, no GMOs, gluten-free and kosher. The flavor is light with well-balanced flavors of fresh San Marzano tomatoes, garlic, olive oil and salt. This ready to use sauce is packed in an easy to use pouch with a handle. Use it as a pizza sauce, marinara, pasta sauce base and for soups.*



### New to the Mighty Leaf Tea line:

**4798795**  
**Ginger Twist**  
**1/100 ct**



*Ginger Twist herbal tea is a harmonious mix of lemongrass, tropical fruits, and mint, fueled with a touch of ginger and ginseng. A lush and magical infusion, Ginger Twist helps promote calm, focus and good health. Filled with herbal loose tea, these silken tea pouches, their twist on the gourmet tea bag, will infuse the senses.*

# PONS

**Replacement:**

**3807502 Piquillo Pimientos 6/67 oz**  
*Replaces 1781863. These unique red peppers come from the Lodosa region of Spain. They are roasted over a wood fire and peeled by hand. The Denomination of Origin guarantees the quality and authenticity of these flavorful peppers.*

# New Grocery

## New Chewie Fruities from:



Torie and Howard bring you a whole new way of looking at candy. Try their fresh-off-the-vine flavors using sophisticated, epicurean recipes made with organic, all-natural ingredients, no additives or preservatives. Treating yourself has never been this good for you.

**7006670**  
**Organic Lemon & Raspberry**  
**Fruit Chews**  
**6/4 oz**



**7006680**  
**Organic Blood Orange & Honey**  
**Fruit Chews**  
**6/4 oz**

**7006681**  
**Organic Pomegranate & Nectarine**  
**Fruit Chews**  
**6/4 oz**



**7006682**  
**Organic Assorted Fruit Chews**  
**6/4 oz**

## New to the Bertagni line:

**3616501 Fettuccini 10/10.6 oz**  
*Bertagni Nested Fettuccini is made with eggs & soft wheat flour and has the taste of fresh egg pasta.*

## New to the I Heart Keenwah line:

**3853086**  
**Aged Cheddar Quinoa Puffs**  
**12/1.5 oz**

*I Heart Keenwah quinoa puffs are a savory, healthy snack. They are the only ready-to-eat quinoa product, as well as being all-natural and gluten free.*



## New to the One Potato Two Potato line:

**3812969**  
**Root Fusion Potato Chips**  
**12/4 oz**

*Kettle cooked vegetable chip blend consisting of sweet potato, parsnips, taro, batata and yucca. Cooked in 100% expeller-pressed sunflower oil and seasoned with Himalayan pink salt.*



## New to the line:

**3847896**  
**Carmel with Sea Salt Dark Chocolate Lindor Truffle Bag**  
**12/5.1 oz**

*A delicate dark chocolate shell infused with sea salt envelops an irresistibly smooth caramel truffle filling.*





# Specialty



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Love of Fare snacks are the snack for people looking for healthy, high quality, reliable products. Each product is packed in cases of twelve 4 ounce cellophane bags. The bags stand upright and their beautiful labels and graphics make them a product that will stand out.

**1689596**

## **Wasabi Peas**

*Wasabi Peas are the ultimate snack with a kick. These wasabi coated green peas are sure to open your eyes and taste buds. Crunchy, spicy and oh-so-good! One bite and you will know what we mean when we say hot.*



**1689625**

## **Sunflower Kernels**

*Sunflower seeds are an American original. Love of Fare sunflower seeds are lightly salted and roasted, providing rich flavor and a great fresh taste. They make a great healthy snack and a quick garnish or ingredient for a variety of recipes.*



**1689668**

## **Gummy Bears**

*Gummy Bears are a favorite of both the young and the young at heart. These vibrant, classic bear shaped gummies are a soft, chewy and sweet, fruity snack in bright, vibrant colors.*



**0758357**

## **Roasted, Salted Almonds**

*These perfectly salted almonds are roasted just right and are packed with zinc and protein. They are also a rich source of Vitamin E and monounsaturated fat, one of the two "good fats" responsible for lowering LDL cholesterol.*



**1469251**

## **Natural Pistachios (In Shell)**

*Today, pistachios remain one of the most popular nuts for people of all ages. Love of Fare pistachios are dry roasted and lightly salted in the shell (natural).*



**1306424**

## **Diet Delight Mix**

*This tasty mix is a combination of raisins, almonds, filberts, cashews, blanched almonds, pumpkin seeds and pecans. This mix has enough sweet and salty flavors to leave you feeling satisfied without steering your diet off track. This mix is also cholesterol free.*



**1469230**

## **Roasted, Salted Cashews**

*Cashews are often viewed as a luxury item, however you will find Love of Fare Cashews very reasonably priced. They are freshly roasted to perfection and then slightly salted to enhance a truly delicious taste.*



**1689480**

## **Sesame Stix**

*Love of Fare Sesame Stix are golden, fresh, crunchy sesame covered snack sticks with a hint of salt added. They are a great treat for any party!*



**1463452**

## **Marathon Mix**

*This delicious snack mix is a combination of raisins, peanuts, sunflower seeds, candy coated chocolate gems and cashews. It provides a sweet salty mix that will satisfy a number of cravings.*



**1689518**

## **Vanilla Yogurt Pretzels**

*Love of Fare Vanilla Yogurt Pretzels are so rich and luscious they will melt in your mouth. They will quickly become your favorite go-to snack.*



**1466511**

## **Chocolate Pretzels**

*Rich milk chocolate enrobes a crunchy salted pretzel. A great snack, these chocolate covered pretzels are a hit every time.*



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