











# Foodservice Guide

# Driscoll's Delivers Delight

For over a century Driscoll's has been producing premium berries.

Today our proprietary berry varieties are cultivated around the world by independent family farmers and are preferred by chefs everywhere.

Chefs request Driscoll's by name for a reason—they trust us to deliver consistently fresh, flavorful, juicy, beautiful berries which provide a delightful eating experience for their customers.









### The Driscoll's Difference

#### **A Full Berry Patch**

Driscoll's is the largest supplier of a full berry patch of conventional and organic



strawberries, blueberries, raspberries, and blackberries. We also have specialty lines including long stem strawberries and golden raspberries.



#### **Growing Better Berries Naturally**

Our experts use natural breeding methods, as well as extensive in-field testing, to create our patented varieties. Only Driscoll's farmers grow Driscoll's proprietary berry varieties, enhancing any menu with their flavor, color, texture, shape and aroma.

- Our primary focus is on flavor and delivering a delightful eating experience with berries that are consistently beautiful, and hardy enough to arrive fresh at any destination.
- Driscoll's proprietary breeding program uses only natural cross-pollination techniques and we never genetically modify our plants.
- Thousands of potential varieties from our test plots around the world are studied each year to choose the top 1% that will carry the Driscoll's brand name.
- It takes five to seven years to bring a new Driscoll's patented variety from seed to marketplace.

# Harvested for Highest Quality

- Berries are handled only once as they are picked by hand and placed into clamshell containers in the fields.
- Berries are quickly moved to nearby distribution centers



where they are inspected for condition, appearance and sugar levels. They are then cooled and shipped within hours of harvest.

#### **Global Food Safety Program**

No matter where in the world the fields are located, all Driscoll's farmers mirror the same food safety practices.

- Every farm and distribution facility is regularly inspected to measure against exacting food safety and hygiene standards ensuring that Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) are being stringently followed.
- A bar-code based inventory tracking system is in place to identify the field and harvest date of all fruit.
- Independent third party testing is conducted on fruit, soil and water.



#### **Year-Round Growing Regions**

Driscoll's berries are grown in ideal climates around the world insuring the freshest berries are delivered from field to kitchens all year-round.

# Strawberries

#### **Ideal Product Attributes**

- Symmetrically shaped berries
- Consistent sizing in pack
- Evenly colored rich red berries with a brilliant sheen
- Fresh, green caps (calyx)
- No seedy tips or white shoulders
- White or hollow space inside the berry is a normal characteristic of certain varieties

#### **Weights and Measures**

Strawberries: one 1lb. clamshell: whole = 4 cups, sliced = 3 cups

Average count per clamshell ranges from 18 to 23

#### **Shelf Life at End User**

2 to 5 days

#### Nutrition

Serving size:	1 cup	% Daily Value	
Calories:	46	Vitamin C:	140%
Protein:	1g	Folate:	9%
Fat:	0g	Iron:	2%
Fiber:	3g	Calcium:	2%

- Upon arrival remove any wet or damaged berries
- Refrigerate immediately at 32–34°F
- Store unwashed in clamshells away from sources of moisture; 90–95% relative humidity is ideal
- Rinse gently and drain well just before using





Mascarpone Crêpes with Lavender Infused Strawberry Sauce



Strawberry Graham Cracker Tart











# **Blueberries**

#### **Ideal Product Attributes**

- Dry, plump, round and free of dents and bruises
- Soft, hazy white coating, which is called "bloom."
  Bloom is a completely natural part of the berries' defense mechanism and helps protect them from the harsh rays of the sun

#### **Weights and Measures**

Blueberries: one 6 oz. container = 1.25 cups

#### **Shelf Life at End User**

5 to 7 days

#### **Nutrition**

Serving size:	1 cup	% Daily Value	
Calories:	80	Vitamin C:	25%
Protein:	1g	Folate:	2%
Fat:	0g	Iron:	2%
Fiber:	4g	Calcium:	0%

- Upon arrival remove any wet or damaged berries
- Refrigerate immediately at 32–34°F
- Store unwashed in clamshells away from sources of moisture; 90–95% relative humidity is ideal
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Blueberry Shrimp Taco











# Raspberries

#### **Ideal Product Attributes**

- Plump, evenly colored berries that have a soft, hazy gloss and are free of dents and bruises
- Raspberries have tiny hairs on them called "styles."
  These are a completely natural part of the fruit's defense mechanism and do not affect the taste or ripeness of the berries

#### **Weights and Measures**

Raspberries: one 6 oz. container = 1.5 cups Average count per clamshell ranges from 30 to 40

#### **Shelf Life at End User**

1 to 2 days

#### Nutrition

Serving size:	1 cup	% Daily Value	
Calories:	60	Vitamin C:	50%
Protein:	1g	Folate:	6%
Fat:	1g	Iron:	4%
Fiber:	8g	Calcium:	4%

- Upon arrival remove any wet or damaged berries
- Refrigerate immediately at 32–34°F
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Raspberry and Goat Cheese Endive Bites



Red and Golden Raspberry White Chocolate Napoleon











# **Blackberries**

#### **Ideal Product Attributes**

- Deep, evenly colored berries with a nice sheen
- Plump, dry and free of dents or bruises
- Blackberries range in color from deep blue/purple to deep purple/black

#### **Weights and Measures**

Blackberries: one 6 oz. container = 1.5 cups Average count per clamshell ranges from 20 to 30

#### **Shelf Life at End User**

1 to 2 days

#### Nutrition

Serving size:	1 cup	% Daily Value	
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Frozen Blackberry Sangria Margarita Swirl



Pork Ribs with Blackberry Chipotle Glaze





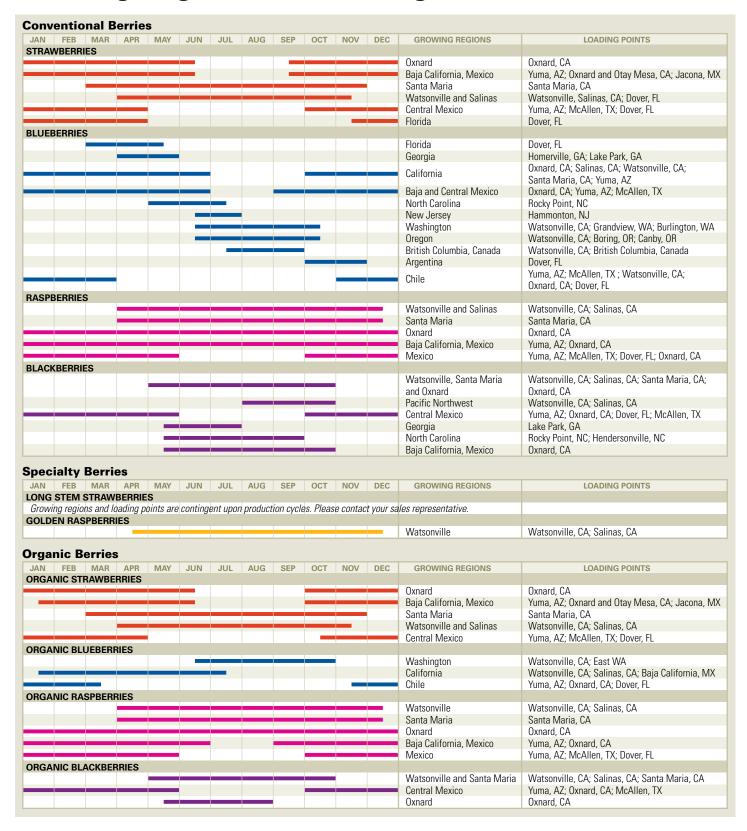






### **Growing Regions and Loading Points**





Enhance your customer's culinary experience, and your bottom line, with Driscoll's Berries.

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