



# ISLAND GROWN

## HARVEST OF THE MONTH

– August –

## MUSHROOMS

### FEATURED FARM OF THE MONTH: MARTHA'S VINEYARD MYCOLOGICAL

Tucker Pforzheimer and Truman French started MV Mycological in 2014, producing locally grown shiitake mushrooms from May to November. The island, they explain, has an ideal climate for growing shiitakes outdoors, and an abundance of oak logs which provide the mushrooms' growing medium. They grow Hana grade shiitakes, distinguished from sawdust-grown shiitakes by their thick, meaty texture, and deep reddish-brown color. Look for them at Morning Glory Farm and at the MVM stand at the West Tisbury Farmer's Market.

#### HEALTHY SERVING IDEAS

Sauté any type of mushrooms with onions for an easy, delicious side dish.

Sprinkle raw sliced mushrooms on top of a salad.

Add sliced mushrooms to soups, omelets, or quiches.

Grill portabella mushrooms and use them on a sandwich or burger.

#### HEALTH BENEFITS

**100% PROTEIN**

**0% FAT**

**IRON**

**SELENIUM**

**PHOSPHORUS**

**VITAMIN D**

**ANTIOXIDANTS**

**B VITAMINS**

**FOLATE**

#### SHOPPER'S TIPS

Look for mushrooms that are firm and dry, avoiding those that look bruised or slimy.

Mushroom cap edges should be curled under, not flat.

Bigger is not necessarily better-- all caps have the same flavor, and smaller ones can be better for certain cooking applications.

Rinse mushrooms under cold water and trim the bottom off the stems just before cooking or preparing.



HARVEST OF THE MONTH HIGHLIGHTS A LOCALLY AVAILABLE CROP EACH MONTH OF THE YEAR IN SCHOOL CAFETERIAS, RESTAURANTS AND GROCERY STORES. THE PROGRAM HELPS CHILDREN, THEIR CAREGIVERS, AND THE BROADER COMMUNITY LEARN MORE ABOUT HEALTHY, SEASONAL, WHOLE-FOODS EATING, WHILE SUPPORTING LOCAL FARMS.

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