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produce – fresh fruits and vegetables; fruits and vegetables that are not cooked, canned, or prepared in any other way
* My doctor said that one of the best ways to prevent cancer is to eat more fresh produce.

to ripen off the vine – to continue to mature and become ripe (ready to eat) after something is picked from the plant
* Does cantaloupe ripen off the vine, or is it important to buy cantaloupe that's already ready to be eaten?

green – unripe; not yet fully mature or ready to be eaten
* These plums are still green, but I think they'll be ready to eat within a few days.

picked over – with many items already selected for purchase, so that the remaining items aren't very desirable
* The store had a great sale, but by the time we got there most things had already been picked over and we couldn't find anything we liked.

organic – grown naturally, without the use of chemical pesticides or fertilizers
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* These houseplants are really wilted. We need to water them more often.

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* Alexey decided to pass on the movie and instead stay at home to study all evening.

to rot – to decay and decompose when something has been dead or separated from a plant for a long time
* All the vegetables in our refrigerator are rotting. We should really clean it out more often.

checkout stand – the part of a grocery store where one pays for everything one wants to buy
* This checkout stand is "express," so you can use it only if you are buying 12 or fewer items.

aisle – row; one of the long parts of a store that one can walk through, looking at the products for sale on both sides
* Peanut butter and jam are in aisle eight.

to weaken – to become less strong
* Julia's eyesight has gradually weakened over the years, and now she can hardly see anything.

cart – shopping cart; a large metal basket on wheels that one uses inside a store to carry all the things one wants to buy
* Victor's cart was filled with ice cream, cookies, and chocolate candies. I guess he really likes sweets!

impulse buy – something that one buys without having planned to buy it, just because it looks good when one sees it in the store
* Lucas bought that sweater as an impulse buy, but he's really glad he did!

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