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Canned Pumpkin Shortage

If you plan on making pumpkin pie for the Holidays, you may want to start shopping for canned pumpkin now.

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Rainy weather in the Midwest destroyed almost half of this season's pumpkin crop, leaving consumers in some areas to only find bare shelves when looking for canned pumpkin.

The top canned pumpkin producer says it's only a temporary issue, but you may want to come up with an alternative for your family's feast.

Pam Manley a chef Instructor at Keiser University says, "If you're looking for a taste that's classic like pumpkin pie there's always the great southern substitute of sweet potato and then there's also butternut squash."

Manley said your traditional recipes should be able to be made with an alternative ingredient pound for pound.

A Southeast Publix Representative says their stores have experienced sporadic shortages throughout the chain.

Publix says the available product on the shelves now may not be sufficient to get through the holiday months.