

# OLIVER KAY

## Fresh Produce Update

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### Fruit Of The Week



#### Forced Rhubarb

Grown in the 'Yorkshire Triangle'. Sweet and delicate. Ideal poached in crumbles or tarts

### Veg Of The Week



#### Beansprouts

Grown in Lancashire. Great pickled, stir-fried or blanched and added to salads

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### Quality Update

Key: ● = Alert ● = Warning ● = Resolved / For Info

CODE	PRODUCT	MARKET SITUATION	PHYSICAL CONDITION	COMMENTS / ACTION
All Codes	Whole Hydro-cool Carrots and Prepared Carrot lines	Problems expected with raw material for the next two weeks due to frosts and prolonged wet weather.	Reduced shelf-life. Incidences of some roots breaking down following packing. Suppliers have increased on line grading controls.	Use stock quickly and avoid storing.
83280 75596 75411 75265	Round Tomato	Shelf-life problems with Moroccan fruit.	Improvement seen at intake over the past week.	Situation Improving please avoid storing
75564 74963	Pre-packed Capsicum Peppers Mixed	Shortage of suitable yellow & orange fruit for pre-packing.	Packs will reduce from three to two different colours. Consisting of: 2 x red and 1 x green	Information only.
98828 75604	Large Beef Tomato	Shortage of larger sizes in Moroccan crop due to an earlier flush.	G tomato (which is a small beef grade) will be substituted were required to ensure supply.	Information only.
75534 75085	Iceberg Lettuce	Internal quality issues due to wet weather.	Although heads are still dense; internal defects are now much reduced.	Issue resolved.

Additional Information

**Easy Peel Citrus :** It is becoming increasingly difficult to secure supplies of smaller easy peel citrus fruit due to reduced harvest volumes this season. Going forward we may need to review our product specification to include larger fruit which will be the same case weight but have a lower piece count in the box.

**UK :** Cavolo Nero, Kale, Carrots, Swedes, Red Cabbage and Parsnips all available and in season

**Chinese New Year:** We have UK Bok Choi & Beansprouts as well as imported Lotus Root, Pak Choi, Chinese leaf, Red & Green Chillies, Garlic, Ginger and Spring Onions