

OLIVER KAY

Fresh Produce Update

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Fruit Of The Week



Pitaya

Thai origin. Refreshing, slightly sweet flavour. Great in smoothies and cakes

Veg Of The Week



Lollo Rosso

Mild red / purple tipped lettuce. Add vibrant colour to your salads

Quality Update

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

CODE	PRODUCT	MARKET SITUATION	PHYSICAL CONDITION	COMMENTS/ACTION
All Codes	Tomatoes	Seasonal Shoulder. Moving from Spain/Morocco to Dutch origin	Reduced life and mixed maturity in some batches. Odd soft/delicate fruit. Dutch origin may be a more backwards in colour	Order less more frequently if possible during this period as reduced life
99768 96711 75552 75495 75509 75556 75564 74963	Spanish Red, Yellow and Tri-colour Peppers	Difficult supply period at end of Winter Crop. Increased skin marking and large fruit causing shelf-life problems	Fruit prone to breakdown at pressure points and skins will be more 'scruffy' in appearance. Picking younger fruit for best quality so some flashing.	Avoid holding stock. Order less more frequently if possible during this period as reduced life
All Codes	Strawberries	Spanish origin	Lovely large fruit but shelf-life is quite short	Order less more frequently if possible
75354	Jalapeños	Supply has now improved	Quality is good. odd cracking to skins	Information only

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Additional Information

Shipping / Supply problems

Suppliers warning of delayed vessels out of Central/ South America which may affect Banana ripening. Store in a warm room within the original sealed packaging if slightly under-colour for the quickest colour change

Seasonal

UK: Wild Garlic and Jersey royals are now available to pre-order. English Asparagus is due to start in May if the weather stays fine

Rest of the World: Currently at the shoulder period between Winter (Spain/ North Africa) and Spring (Netherlands) crops hard salads (cucumbers, peppers & tomatoes). During this time a dip in both shelf-life and quality is expected as the mature crop finishes off the new delicate Spring crops begin. Please handle with extra care and use as quickly during this time