

OLIVER KAY

Fresh Produce Update

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Fruit Of The Week



Lemons: Versatile fruit which can be used in both sweet and savoury dishes

Veg Of The Week



Sweet Potato: Egyptian origin. Great roasted, fried or in soups

Quality Update

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

CODE	PRODUCT	MARKET SITUATION	PHYSICAL CONDITION	COMMENTS / ACTION
25665 71644	UK Strawberry	Fruit taking longer to mature due to overcast, wet weather	Still struggling with shelf-life for some batches. Berries are also very delicate so careful handling is essential	Use quickly. Order less more frequently if possible
14766 15992	Class 2 Avocado for Guacamole	Peruvian origin	Batch pressure testing within target but receiving reports of uneven ripening within individual cases	Working with supplier to improve consistency
75180 12433 75293	UK Raspberry & Blackberry	Fruit taking longer to mature due to overcast, wet weather.	Quality and shelf-life has improved during the past week	Use quickly
All Codes	New Crop UK Potatoes	Odd batches struggling with premature breakdown due to delicate tubers. Using a mixture of supply for best quality	Tubers are good quality at time of packing but some are very delicate and prone to bruising / breakdown giving then a reduced shelf-life	Careful handling and cool storage are essential
All codes	Spanish Water Melons	European fruit at end of crop . Brazilian fruit is seeing some shipping delays	Reduced shelf-life. Individual fruit sizes may vary during seasonal shoulder	Use quickly and avoid storing

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Additional Information

Shipping / Supply: Some challenges landing vessels from the Americas due to storms in the Atlantic. This has delayed the arrival of our new crop of melons so we are having to utilise the Spanish crop for longer than we had hoped.

UK Crops: The continued wet weather is having an effect on crops such as leafy salads and strawberries with increased incidences of weeds and moulds/mildews reported in the field. Due to the high moisture content crops like salads and potatoes are also a more delicate and prone to bruising after harvest. Some growers have also reported an increase the number of insects in heads sheltering from the weather so please be extra vigilant during preparation.

Spain: Sunny weather is forecast this week which should hopefully help towards getting planting back on track. Stone Fruit: Peach has now finished and Nectarine will be finishing this week.