

OLIVER KAY

Fresh Produce Update

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Fruit Of The Week



Passionfruit: Adds vibrant colour, a mild tart taste and crunchy texture to desserts

Veg Of The Week



Butternut Squash: Portuguese origin. Great roasted or in seasonal soups

Quality Update

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

CODE	PRODUCT	MARKET SITUATION	PHYSICAL CONDITION	COMMENTS / ACTION
99866 75589 75515 11371	Cherry Tomato	Short supply. Seasonal shoulder from mixed origins	Some origins may be more forward in colour with reduced life	Use quickly. Order less more frequently
98770	Pre-packed Lemon	Very short supply	May need to use smaller fruit to ensure supply. If used, these will be packed x 6 in a net	Information only
All codes	Chillies	Seasonal shoulder	Quality improving as more new season stock comes through	Information only
75180	UK Blackberry	Awaiting new season Mexican	Shelf-life much improved	Issue Resolved
25665 71644	Strawberry	Very Short supply. Using mixture UK & imports	End of season - reduced life for UK origin	Raspberries/ Blueberries are a better option
All Codes	Whole head Lettuces	UK & French origin. Heavy rain & waterlogging	Very delicate. Reduced life Some oxidation (pinking) to outer leaves were cut or bruised during handling.	Remove outer leaves on affected reads
75468 09509	Cauliflowers	In very short supply	Quality is good may need to use some imports	Information only
75264 75295	Rhubarb	Outdoor UK now finished. Stored Dutch supplied until UK forced ready	Reduced life	Use quickly. Order less more frequently

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Additional Information

Shipping / Supply: Storms in the Western Atlantic affecting recent departures. Growers in the UK reporting problems lifting crops from waterlogged fields

UK Crops: Ground lying or open products like pumpkins, cabbage, lettuce and cauliflower may have higher levels of soiling than normal so will require more thorough washing than usual.

Europe: Overcast weather in Holland is causing a shortage on the market of tomatoes, cucumbers and capsicum peppers. Our supply is secure but we will see some more under colour fruit as growers are having to pick earlier to meet demand. New season Moroccan round tomato due to start net week. New season Spanish easy peel fruit now on the market but this is still very pale and colour and may be a bit tart

Seasonal: Toffee apples 75274, mixed edible squashes 96983, display gourds 96069, pumpkins 75026/ 75097 and Muscat pumpkins now all available