

# OLIVER KAY

## Fresh Produce Update

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### Fruit Of The Week



**Cooking Apples:** UK Bramley variety which is ideal baked or used in sauces and jellies

### Veg Of The Week



**Muscat Pumpkin:** Unique sweet flavour. Roast or use in soups & pies

### Quality Update

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

CODE	PRODUCT	MARKET SITUATION	PHYSICAL CONDITION	COMMENTS / ACTION
75323 75318	Easy Peeler Citrus	New Spanish de-greened fruit. Brix levels are mixed, some quite tart	Still very pale in colour with green flashing. Odd fruit with skin marking	Avoid at this time of year. Recommend apples/pears instead
All Codes	Round Tomato	End of Dutch crop. Slow ripening due to poor light levels	Some batches may be slightly under-colour with reduced life	Will resolve as Morocco gets up to full speed
98770	Pre-packed Lemon	Very limited availability. Smaller fruit may be used to ensure supply	Quality good. Smaller fruit packed x6 rather than x5 per net	Information only
All codes	Capsicum Peppers	New season Spanish fruit	Delicate with Reduced life	Use quickly
25665 71644	Strawberry	Seasonal Shoulder mixed UK & imports	Reduced life for UK origin	Recommend Raspberries instead
75085 75534	Iceberg lettuce	End of UK crop. Very tight supply. Larger heads reserved for singles	Quality is good. If heads <300g will pack an extra x15 per case for bulk code	Poor growth due to cold, wet weather
75069 75069 74919 74897	Cos & Little Gem lettuce	End of UK crop. Very delicate due to wet weather	Reduced life. Pinking to outer leaves where packed / handled	Remove affected outer leaves
75468 09509	Cauliflowers	In very short supply	Quality is good may need to use some imports	Information only
75264 75295	Dutch Rhubarb	Stored product not lasting well	Reduced life, avoid if possible	New UK forced due to start Nov

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Additional Information

**Shipping / Supply:** Storms in the Western Atlantic affecting arrivals into UK. Some UK growers reporting problems lifting crops from waterlogged fields

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

**Europe:** Overcast weather in Holland is causing maturity problems odd under colour fruit as growers need to pick earlier to meet demand. New season Moroccan fruit has now started with good colour. New Spanish peppers are quite tender which is causing some issues with shelf-life.

**Seasonal:** Toffee apples 75274, mixed edible squashes 96983, display gourds 96069, pumpkins 75026/ 75097 and Muscat pumpkins now all available. We are also stocking loose sprouts 76938 & 76936 as well. For best colour/ appearance, limited South African (end of season) large easy peel citrus are still available under code 77882