

OLIVER KAY

Fresh Produce Update

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Fruit Of The Week



Pears: Conference variety. Great in soup, poached or with blue / soft cheeses

Veg Of The Week



Savoy Cabbage: Stuff the leaves to make parcels or sauté with smoked pancetta

Quality Update

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

CODE	PRODUCT	MARKET SITUATION	PHYSICAL CONDITION	COMMENTS / ACTION
14941 14954	WTRE Mixed Salad	Shortages of UK raw material due to poor growth/ quality	Lollo Rosso replaced with Red Salanova to ensure quality	Similar colour to Lollo Rosso
75323 75318	Easy Peeler	Seasonal shoulder. Mix of S.African & new Spanish fruit	Spanish still pale in colour. Odd skin marking due to de-greening	Spanish can be quite tart and not ideal for display
All Codes	Tomato	New Season Morocco	Some batches forward in colour and quite tender	Information only
98770	Pre-packed Lemon	Very limited supply. Utilising smaller fruit to ensure supply	Quality good. Smaller fruit packed x6 in a net	Information only
All codes	Capsicum Peppers	New season Spanish fruit	Delicate with Reduced life	Use quickly
75180	Blackberry	End of UK crop	Reduced life	Recommend Raspberries instead
75085 75534	Iceberg lettuce	End of UK crop. limited supply. Largest heads used for singles	Quality is good. If heads <300g will pack an extra x15 per case for bulk	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 but sizes towards lower end	Yield may be reduced
75264 75295	Dutch Rhubarb	Using mixture on stored and new crop	Quality much improved	New UK forced due to start Nov

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Shipping / Supply: Storms in the Western Atlantic affecting arrivals into UK.

UK Crops: Problems lifting crops due to boggy ground. Ground lying and open produce may have higher levels of field debris & soiling than normal so will require more thorough washing. Salads struggling with size and quality at end of season.

Europe/North Africa: Holland finishing . New season Moroccan tomatoes coming through with good volume but some softness. New Spanish peppers are also quite tender which is causing 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