

OLIVER KAY

Fresh Produce Update

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Fruit Of The Week



Oranges: Southern Hemisphere fruit. Ideal in both sweet and savoury dishes

Veg Of The Week



Red Cabbage: Grown in Lincolnshire. Great braised, pickled or in slaws

Quality Update

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

CODE	PRODUCT	MARKET SITUATION	PHYSICAL CONDITION	COMMENTS / ACTION
75009	Loose Red/ Black Grape	Shortage of loose red / black due to a vessel breakdown	4.5kgs loose code will be substituted with green varieties	Pre-packed Red/ Black still available
75495 75541 75552	Capsicum Peppers	Spanish origin. Maturing slowly due to over cast conditions	Some fruits with increased skin marking. Odd packing damage in larger fruit. May be some colour flashing in green	Reduced shelf-life due maturity of fruit. Use quickly and avoid holding extra stock
All Codes	Tomatoes	Spanish & Moroccan origin	Quality and colour improving this week	Spanish fruit looks good
21471	Thai Basil	Now receiving some crop from Columbia	Quality for this origin is good	Issue resolved
14945 14977 14941 14954	Bagged Salads	Mixed origins	Quality and shelf-life now improved	Issue resolved
All codes	Iceberg, Cos & Little Gem	Spanish weather has improved Mixed weights in crop	Odd heads with internal defects but overall quality much improved this week	For best quality use quickly and avoid stock holding
75323 75318	Easy Peeler	Spanish origin	Both skin colour & taste now good	Issue resolved
75264 75295	Rhubarb	Dutch origin	Quality & shelf-life now improved	UK forced still 2 weeks away
07391 32213	Sugar Snap Peas	Moving to Kenyan origin to improve quality	Quality & shelf-life for Kenyan is good	Issue resolved

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Additional Information

Shipping: We do have one shortage reported this week for a grape line due to an unexpected vessel breakdown but other than this no shortages are expected this week. There were some vehicle delays last week due to the Farmer's strikes in France but no shortages. Suppliers have also reported ongoing delays expediting goods from Morocco due to vehicle backlogs at Tanger Med port but again, no major problems anticipated

Weather: The weather in Spain is much improved now but we are seeing odd problems with some bolting/ miss-shapes and internal defects in cos, iceberg and little gem lettuces. We have also noticed some soiling to courgettes. Despite snow and flooding from Storm Bert in the UK over the weekend both no delays were seen and crops appear unaffected

Seasonal: Chestnuts are available in their shells: 76912 or peeled: 05999. We also have red currants 75176 (pre-order) & cranberries 74948. Loose Brussels sprouts: 76938 or 76936 are also in stock with trimmed 76927 expected from the end of the month