

OLIVER KAY

Fresh Produce Update

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Fruit Of The Week



Red/Black Grapes: Try roasted with meats or use in salads, cakes & clafouti

Veg Of The Week



Savoy Cabbage: UK origin. The leaves make perfect wraps for steamed parcels

Quality Update

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

CODE	PRODUCT	MARKET SITUATION	PHYSICAL CONDITION	COMMENTS / ACTION
98489 98836 75128 82828	Black Kale & Heritage Greens	Small gap in Lancashire crop due to frost. Supply supported with Cornish crop	Slight weather damage but overall quality is good	Information only
All codes	Round/ Beef Tomato	Low night temperatures slowing ripening. Fruit having to be picked more backwards to meet demand	Fruit continues to improve but may be on the paler side with odd stubborn greens. Tunisian beef tomato coming through at the end of the week	Odd fruit failing to ripen fully
94876	Sakura Cress Mix	Grower reporting cultivation/ quality problems	Extra checks in place. Improvements seen last week	Issue resolved
76776	Green Kale	Weather damage to UK greens	Odd black spots / tips of leaves	May require some trimming
23272 83854 49567	Avocado	Some internal defects seen in very ripe fruit	Quality at intake good please use in a timely manor	Use quickly
All Codes	Capsicum Peppers	Cool Weather and increased prevalence of pests	Growth & ripening slow. Increased skin blemish in some batches	Some colour flash
75210 75460 74861 75491	Pineapple	Shipping delays for usual supply. Alternative fruit secured	This will be packed as a 9 count and may have the crowns removed	Not suitable for display applications

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Additional Information

Supply Problems:

Container shipping still seeing some delays/ diversions due to mid Atlantic storms. This has affected consignments of pineapples and bananas. Banana ripeners have less time to ripen stock which is leading to some under-colour for green tip codes where fruit is stubborn

Peppers: Supply is very tight for Spanish origin but contracted volumes are currently being met. Early frosts have damaged the first flowers in Dutch crops meaning volumes will be lower this year at seasonal change over so we may see a shortages or gaps around March / April

Seasonal:

Forced UK rhubarb currently in season.

Seasonal pears moving from European Conference to South African Williams this week