

OLIVER KAY

Fresh Produce Update

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Fruit Of The Week



Pineapple: Costa Rican origin. Great roasted or caramelised

Veg Of The Week



Cauliflower: French origin. Ideal roasted, steamed or puréed

Quality Update

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

CODE	PRODUCT	MARKET SITUATION	PHYSICAL CONDITION	COMMENTS / ACTION
	Baton & Crudité Carrot	Possible weather damage affecting shelf-life of raw material	Shelf-life reduced. Supplier moving to strawed carrots which should resolve the issue this week	Please order smaller quantities more frequently
All codes	Round/ Beef Tomato	Low night temperatures slowing ripening. Fruit is on the vine for much longer before it can be picked	Reduced shelf-life. Fruit may be softer while still under colour. Some colour flash and odd stubborn greens	Use smaller quantities more frequently
75128 82828	Heritage Spring Greens	Supply ending due to weather damage	To be replaced with imported Sweetheart/ Hispi cabbage	Information only
76776	Green Kale	UK Crop	Some tip burn to leaf edges	May require slight trimming
98489 98836	Cavolo Nero	Very tight supply due to weather damage	Quality of available crop is good	Savoy Cabbage is a good alternative
All Codes	Capsicum Peppers	Slow growth/ ripening due to cool conditions. Growers struggling with a higher prevalence of pests this year	Some batches with reduced shelf-life. Increased skin blemishes on some fruit	Information only
75210 75460 74861 75491	Pineapple	Temporary Crownless Pineapple / 9 count	Normal appearance and piece count now in stock	Issue resolved

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Additional Information

Supply Problems:

Container shipping no reported delays. Banana ripeners are starting to catch up so colour should improve this week

Peppers: Supply is very tight on the market 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 more severe quality issues, temporary specifications or supply gaps around the end March / April

Seasonal:

Forced UK rhubarb currently in season

Seasonal pears now South African origin