

OLIVER KAY

Fresh Produce Update

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Fruit Of The Week



Forced Rhubarb:

Yorkshire grown. Ideal for traditional pies & puddings

Veg Of The Week



Celeriac: UK grown.

Great raw in slaws or added to warming soups and stews

Quality Update

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

CODE	PRODUCT	MARKET SITUATION	PHYSICAL CONDITION	COMMENTS / ACTION
83280 75596 16073 75603 75411	Round Tomato G, 1M/2M sizes	Quality issues with both Moroccan & Canary Island fruit. Slower growing & more backwards in colour due to low temps	Reduced shelf-life. Some softness while still backwards in colour. Breakdown / blotchy colouring developing in some batches	Having to re-select in store. Use quickly and avoid holding excess stock
74910 43413	Baton & Crudité Carrot	Reduced life due to raw material issues	Raw material changed and production process reviewed to ensure best shelf-life	Use quickly if possible
75354	Jalapeno Chilli	Reduced Volumes. Supply is tight	Quality is good	Information only
25665 25671	Strawberries	Low night temperatures slowing growth & ripening	Berries will tend to be larger in size. Some 'white shoulder' noted to the tops affecting 2-3 seeds	Information only
All Codes	Capsicum Peppers	Supply very tight due to slow ripening and pest damage to some plants	Some scruffy skins. Fruit harvested more backward in colour. Orange may be supplied if quality of yellow drops	Some colour flashing as harvested more backward in colour

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Additional Information

Supply Problems:

Storms in the Atlantic have caused vessel delays again this week which has impacted bananas Shipments. Although we anticipate no shortages of fruit due to alternative sourcing; pack formats may change slightly from mid-week and fruit may also be individually labelled

Seasonal:

Lettuce planting is underway in the UK and thankfully the weather has been mild last, though growers could do with a little bit of sunshine now and no rain.

Forced rhubarb is still in season and very popular at the moment. UK Carrots, Leeks, Parsnips, Celeriac, Swedes White and Red cabbage are all still very good.