

OLIVER KAY

Fresh Produce Update

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Fruit Of The Week



Pitaya: Thai origin. Try in smoothies and puddings

Veg Of The Week



Breakfast Radish:
Dutch origin.
Traditionally served sautéed with butter

Quality Update

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

CODE	PRODUCT	MARKET SITUATION	PHYSICAL CONDITION	COMMENTS / ACTION
83280 75596 16073 75603 75411	Round Tomato (larger sizes)	Slow growth & ripening. Growers struggling with various viruses	Supplier is reselecting all stock on arrival into UK. Quality is good but life may be reduced	Please use quickly and avoid holding extra stock
74966 75090	Plum Tomato	Reduced supply of good quality larger fruit	Grower picking best quality so some smaller sizes may be required to maintain standards	Temporary size spec to include 3M fruit (40- 47mm)
75354	Jalapeno Chilli	Very tight supply due to poor weather	Contracted volumes are being supported by our growers.	Information only
All codes	Spanish Iceberg, Cos & Little Gem Lettuces	Very tight supply due to poor weather/ flooding. Shortages in to retail and other suppliers	Contracted volumes are being supported by our Spanish growers. Any shortfalls will be picked up by contingency supply	Delicate heads with reduced life. Some pinking to outer leaves
All Codes	Capsicum Peppers	Tight supply and some skin defects due to slow growth and poor weather	General appearance is much improved this week	Some colour flashing as harvested more backward in colour
All codes	UK Savoy Cabbage	Recent warmer weather has ended the season early due to bolting	Moving over to imported heads from this week.	Information only

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Additional Information

Supply Problems:

Heavy rains and flooding in the Murcia region last week have led to challenges harvesting. We are now also starting to see some quality issue developing with lettuces as the high moisture content in lettuce heads can also reduce life and increase sensitivity / discolouration on cutting & handling. Please remove affected outer leaves before use

Seasonal:

UK Carrots, Leeks, Parsnips, Celeriac, Swedes, White & Red cabbage are all still all looking good. UK Clavelo Nero & Springs now back in stock