

OLIVER KAY

Fresh Produce Update

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Fruit Of The Week



Red Grape: South African origin. Great in salads, roasted with feta or in clafoutis

Veg Of The Week



Bok Choy: UK grown. Try in soup / stews or stir-fry with garlic and oyster sauce

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

CODE	PRODUCT	MARKET SITUATION	PHYSICAL CONDITION	COMMENTS / ACTION
83280 75596 16073 75603 75411	Round Tomato M, MM & G sizes	Canary Island & Moroccan crop. Tight supply due to slow growth & high wastage	Increased incidences of virus in crops. Shelf-life reduced and mixed colouration	Please use quickly and avoid holding stock
75528 75522 75525 74924 74940	Fancy Lollo Bianda, Lollo Rosso & Red Oakleaf Lettuce	Reduced availability. Using Red Salanova to replace Red Oakleaf as needed	High levels of rots in the field. Extra trimming required to remove affected leaves causing smaller head sizes	Reduced Life – use quickly
All Codes	Capsicum Peppers	Spanish crop. Tight supply due to slow growth & high wastage	Reduced Shelf-life especially for larger fruit. Skins will be very scruffy	Some colour flash especially in yellow
74951 71686	Yellow Honeydew Melon	Delayed Shipping	Using x 9 counts as a contingency. Fruit will be slightly smaller in size	Reduced yield for split code
98889	Micro Thai Basil	Volume improved	Quality is good	Issue Resolved
74919 74897 75085 75534 75069 75087	Iceberg, Cos & Little Gem Lettuce	Spanish crop. Improved weather is facilitating harvest	Quality & shelf-life much improved. Still odd discolouration to outer leaves	Removed any affected leaves
75354	Jalapeño Chilli Pepper	Reduced Supply. Our growers are supporting contracted volumes	We are utilising a range of jalapeño cultivars to ensure supply so shades and shapes may vary slightly	Odd colour flashing as fruit is more mature at point of pick

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Additional Information

Shipping: Airfreight via Heathrow and transport out of Morocco has now returned to normal. Delays reported for some container shipping across the Atlantic however contingencies are in place.

Europe: The weather in Spain is returning to normal with sunshine predicted again this week. Unfortunately a lot of the damage has already been done with growers opting to plough some crops of lettuce and babyleaf back in due to high defect levels. For those fields kept, trimming back has been severe in order to remove affected leaves. Broccoli quality is still good though despite some concerns about standing water in the heads.

Seasonal: As we move into April we will start to transfer our main supply of salads from Spanish and North Africa to new crops in France, Netherlands and the UK.

Jersey Royals x6kgs 04005 and Wild Garlic 99877 are now available to pre-order