

OLIVER KAY

Fresh Produce Update

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Fruit Of The Week



Large Red Apple

UK grown including Gala and Braeburn. Ideal in pies, puddings and sauces

Veg Of The Week



Jerusalem Artichoke

French – adds a rich taste to winter stews

Quality Update

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

CODE	PRODUCT	MARKET SITUATION	PHYSICAL CONDITION	COMMENTS/ACTION
All Codes	Hard Salads Tomato, Cucumber Capsicum Aubergine	Reduced quality and availability due to poor light levels, low temps and slow growth	Mature fruit with reduced life and some softness. Uneven ripening and colour range within boxes	Use stock quickly and avoid storing.
75032 83957 75030 75468 52852 75075 09398	Brassicas Cauliflower Broccoli Green & Savoy Cabbages	UK crop finished due to frost. Imports very limited. Some codes delisted	Imported Savoy and Cauliflower available under alternative codes but of mixed size/ counts and variable quality	Delisted codes replaced with white cabbage
All Codes	Herbs (European) Coriander Dill Parsley	Supplies very limited for European crop due to weather damage	Plants suffering frost, hale and wind damage. Reduced life	Use stock quickly and avoid storing.
All Codes	Lettuce & Baby Leaves Spinach Rocket Red Chard Iceberg Cos	Supplies limited for European crop due to cold conditions and weather damage.	Lettuce: smaller heads / wind burn to tips. Baby leaf: increased blemishes from hale/wind and some yellowing due to loss of nutrients	Reduced life and increased waste during preparation. Use stock quickly and avoid storing.
All Codes	Prepared Fresh Carrots	UK raw material damaged by frost. Worse in larger roots needed for batons etc.	Wet appearance. Raw material is very delicate and holding a lot of moisture. Duration date reduced 2 days	Struggling with quality despite measures taken. Avoid buying if possible

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Additional Information

Severe warning for many European and North African Crops – next few Months

The situation is dire with high prices, very limited availability and poor quality for much of what can be harvested, during the main seasonal supply from Europe and North Africa. The season has been very poor; commencing with flooding and drought in Spring & Summer which reduced crop acreage at the time of planting. This has now been followed by cold, dull, wet weather and frosts during Autumn and Winter which has finishing off many of the already weakened plants.

Imported Savoy: 09341/ 755352 Imported Cauliflower: 09509