

OLIVER KAY

Fresh Produce Update

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Fruit Of The Week



Raspberries

Add a nice zing to puddings. Varieties include Adelita

Veg Of The Week



Baby Heritage Carrots

Great for adding a splash of colour

Quality Update

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

CODE	PRODUCT	MARKET SITUATION	PHYSICAL CONDITION	COMMENTS/ACTION
75185 75389	Aubergine	Cool conditions affecting size and shelf-life	Most towards the smaller end of the size specification. Reduced shelf-life	Use stock quickly and avoid storing.
All Codes	Cherry and round Tomato	Uneven ripening. Supplier grading batches to improve colour range in pack were possible	Mixed ripeness within vine codes. Reduce shelf-life due to botrytis and softness noted in M, MM, G and Beef sizes	Use stock quickly and avoid storing.
99769	Intense plum tomato	limited availability	Quality is good	Information Only
All Codes	Capsicum Peppers	Short availability, lack of mid range sizes.	Quality is much improved but some smaller sizes may still be need to ensure supply. Bi instead of tri- colour may also be required in pre-packed	Colour flash present in all codes
75069 75087 74919 74897	Cos and Little Gem Lettuce	Cos in short supply and Little Gem still very short in supply	Quality good. Baby red cos will be used in place of little gem to ensure continued quality and availability	Information Only
72433 08927	Limes	Mexican and Brazilian origins	Struggling with quality. Skins pale in colour for some batches, others with much better colour but odd breakdown	Use stock quickly and avoid storing

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Additional Information

European and North African Salads.

A big improvement seen with the quality of European leafy salads and Capsicum peppers. Some improvement seen with tomato colouration but still some softness noted due to additional time spent achieving colour. Availability is still tight for some product lines so odd temporary specs still in force were needed to ensure supply and quality.