

OLIVER KAY

Fresh Produce Update

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Fruit Of The Week



Blueberries

Adds vibrant colour to cakes, smoothies and ice-cream.

Veg Of The Week



White Cabbage

UK origin. Great raw in slaws, pickled in sauerkraut or chargrilled with butter.

Quality Update

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

| CODE | PRODUCT | MARKET SITUATION | PHYSICAL CONDITION | COMMENTS/ACTION |
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| 75185 75389 | Aubergine | Supply and sizing now good. | Quality good for recent batches. | Issue resolved. |
| All Codes | Round Tomatoes : M, MM, G & Beef sizes | Market very short due to Moroccan export ban. Sourcing from several origins. | Mixed quality and colours at intake. Some botrytis. Reselecting in house. | Use stock quickly and avoid storing. |
| 99769 | Intense Tomato | Extremely short. Will need to use other varieties to ensure supply. | Some smaller sizes and may be pale in colour. Odd botrytis. | Use stock quickly and avoid storing. |
| 98489 98836 76776 | Green Kale & Cavolo Nero | Italian cavolo nero and UK green kale now available. | Quality of available stock is good. | Information only. |
| 09509 | Imported Cauliflower | Good stock levels. | Mixed sizing but quality is good. | Information only. |
| All Codes | Capsicum Peppers | Very short esp. yellow & green colours. Using bi-colours for prepacks due to lack of suitable sizes. | No mid sizes. Problems with pressure damage in larger fruit. Increased skin marking all colours. | Colour flash present in all codes >30% |
| 74919 74897 | Little Gem Lettuce | Availability now improved. | Quality good. | Information only. |
| 72433 08927 | Limes | Peruvian origin. | Pale skins. | Information only. |
| 75272 75554 | Butternut Squash | New season. | Larger sizes coming through this week. | Resolved. |

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Additional Information

Supply Problems: Further export restrictions this week in Morocco – moving from 50% to 100% export ban for several food products including larger sizes of tomatoes. This has made obtaining some products extremely difficult especially intense plum tomatoes which are grown to order. We are hoping to see an easing of restrictions following Ramadan. French industrial action continues to hamper supply of products through the country causing some delays in arrivals.

Seasonal Update: Still no UK spring greens available due to earlier frosts. We are now approaching the main seasonal change for salad crops moving by product from Winter supply: Spain/ Morocco over to Spring/ Summer supply: Netherlands and UK. We will see a natural dip in quality as old plants finish fruiting and delicate new crops reach maturity.