

OLIVER KAY

Fresh Produce Update

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Fruit Of The Week



Blackberries

Mexican origin including tupi variety. Use in pies and puddings. Also works well with venison.

Veg Of The Week



Green courgette

Spanish origin. Ideal stuffed or in fritters. Can also be used in cakes.

Quality Update

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

CODE	PRODUCT	MARKET SITUATION	PHYSICAL CONDITION	COMMENTS/ACTION
75057 75043	Lamb's lettuce	No availability due to quality rejections on arrival into UK.	Crop is very delicate and breaking down during transit.	Substituting with watercress.
75596	1M/2M/3M G Tomato	Shortages in market. Having to increase size ranges for this code to ensure supply.	Reduced life. Varied quality and maturity on arrival. Some botrytis in Spanish origin. Reselecting/ripening were possible.	Reduced life. Diameters used will range from 40 – 82mm
99769	Intense Tomato	Supply improved.	Quality good.	Will substitute normal plum if required.
All Codes	Capsicum Peppers	Still short supply – no mid range sizes. Both bi-colour and tri-colour to be used for pre-packs.	Spanish very large with short life and heavy skin marking. Dutch good quality but only small in size.	Colour flash present in all codes >30%.
74919 74897	Little Gem Lettuce	Availability now improved. Back to green only.	Quality good.	Information only.
72433	Pre-packed Limes	Peruvian origin.	Pale skins.	Information only.
55724	Ungraded Mushroom	Product will include chestnut as well as white mushrooms.	Quality good.	Information only.

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Additional Information

Supply Problems: Export restrictions continue again this week from Morocco. French industrial action is still hampering supply via French ports.

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.

Wild Garlic: Now in season and available to pre-order. Please speak to account manager to arrange.