

OLIVER KAY

Fresh Produce Update

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Fruit Of The Week



Red Grape

South African in origin. Current variety sweet celebration. Try them roasted or pickled.

Veg Of The Week



Blue Salad Potato

French origin. Ideal for adding vibrant colour to salads. Current variety 'Vitelotte'

Quality Update

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

| CODE | PRODUCT | MARKET SITUATION | PHYSICAL CONDITION | COMMENTS/ACTION |
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| 07391 07389 32213 78975 | Mangetout/ Sugar Snap Peas | Very limited availability for the next 3 weeks. Using a mixture of both codes to prevent shortages. | Reduced shelf-life. Either product may be supplied for both of product codes. | Product descriptions amended. |
| 75208 75618 | Conference Pears | Little or no availability for conference variety due to quality issues with stored European crop. | Substituting as needed with South African Packham's variety to maintain quality and availability. | Information only – Quality is good. |
| 75697 | Large Onion 75mm+ x 20kgs | Limited size and availability for Dutch crop. using some Chinese cold store product. | Experiencing variable quality with some nets of Chinese origin. Cases 25kgs in weight. | Need to be stored chilled. Reduced yield. |
| 75057 75043 | Lamb's lettuce | Supply re-started. | Quality much improved. | Info only. |
| All Codes | Capsicum Peppers | Spanish origin. | Reduced shelf-life / poor skin finish. Some smaller sizes in green. | Use quickly and avoid storing. |
| All codes | Tomato | Spanish / Canary Islands origin. | Reduced shelf-life in some batches. Odd fruit under colour. | Use quickly and avoid storing. |
| 75456 | Yellow onion 60-80mm | Shortage of larger sizes this year. Using some Egyptian. | Quality good. Size band temporarily expanded to include bulbs down to 50mm. | May be some reduction in yield. |

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Additional Information

UK: Limited over-wintered UK savoy available but still using mainly imports. **Jersey Royals** and foraged **Wild Garlic** are now in season. Jersey Royals are a stocked line but please remember to pre-order and wild garlic with your account manager.

Seasonal Update We are now in the main seasonal shoulder for salad crops moving over from North African / Spanish supply to the Netherlands and UK as more volume becomes available. During this period we will see a natural dip in quality and shelf-life as old plants finish fruiting and delicate new crops reach maturity. Please be aware that packaging formats and case sizes may also change as we move to different countries of origin.