

OLIVER KAY

Fresh Produce Update

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Fruit Of The Week



Raspberries

Moroccan in origin. Stunning in sweet dishes. Current variety is Adelita.

Veg Of The Week



Fennel

Italian in origin. Slice thinly and use raw in slaws and salads or roast for a milder taste.

Quality Update

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

CODE	PRODUCT	MARKET SITUATION	PHYSICAL CONDITION	COMMENTS/ACTION
07391 07389 32213 78975	Mangetout/ Sugar Snap Peas	Limited supply for next 2 weeks. Either product may be supplied.	Quality is good.	Information only.
75208 75618	Conference Pears	European crop - no availability until September.	Alternative varieties to be substituted until that time.	Information only.
09341 75352	Imported Savoy Cabbage	Gap in crop. Substituted with pointed / Hispi cabbage.	UK origin. Quality is good.	Information only.
09509	Cauliflower	No imports available. Limited UK crop but curds small in size.	Extra heads (x 12 instead of x 8) added to cases to compensate for smaller size.	Information only.
All Codes	Capsicum Peppers	Limited supply of Dutch origin, supplemented with Spanish.	Reduced shelf-life, sizes and skin marking in Spanish crop.	Dutch origin is good quality and size.
All codes	Tomato	Mixed origins. Limited supply for Dutch fruit especially intense plum.	Mediterranean fruit is tender and fuller in colour. Dutch will tend to be pale in colour.	Use full colour fruit quickly and avoid storing.
75456	Yellow onion 60-80mm	Limited availability especially for larger sizes.	Size band expanded to include bulbs down to 50mm.	May be some reduction in yield.
75085	Iceberg lettuce	Large head sizes reported by growers.	Head count will be reduced to x10 if needed to prevent damage.	Quality good

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Additional Information

UK: Jersey Royals and foraged **Wild Garlic** in season. **Rhubarb** (forced, Indoor grown) will be finishing soon and we will be moving to the outdoor grown UK crop. UK **Asparagus** will be a bit later starting this year due to cooler temperatures. Growers are expecting to begin harvest from WC 8th May.

Seasonal/ Supply Update: Availability issues reported this week for a number of products which have necessitated some product substitutions or changes to varieties, pack sizes or sizing to ensure supply. Moroccan restrictions are now easing a little and some tomatoes are now making their way back on to the UK market. However as the season is coming to a close, quality is very inconsistent. Several retailers are limiting customer purchases for salad lines (mainly peppers) this week. The cooler, over-cast conditions are adversely affecting growth & ripening for new Dutch crops resulting in a lower yields and limited availability.