

OLIVER KAY

Fresh Produce Update

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Fruit Of The Week



Strawberry

British crop has a great flavour. Use in desserts or also good pickled.

Veg Of The Week



Bok Choi

Grown in Lancashire. Great in both Chinese and Indian dishes.

Quality Update

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

CODE	PRODUCT	MARKET SITUATION	PHYSICAL CONDITION	COMMENTS/ACTION
All codes	Hydro-cool carrot	Using imported crop to cover UK gap.	Quality is good. Imported crop unpolished so will be duller in colour.	Issue resolved.
All Codes	Iceberg, little gem and cos lettuce	Recent very hot then wet weather causing stress to plants.	Some browning to leaf tips. Outer leaves may be discoloured during packing/handling due to high moisture content.	Use quickly. Remove affected outer leaves.
75194 75634	Kiwi fruit	Very limited availability. We are receiving stock but continued supply isn't guaranteed.	Quality is good.	Information only.
All Codes	UK whole potato	Now seeing impact of 2022 poor weather reflected in stored crop. Reduced yield, lower average tuber size and higher skin defects. 2023 crop still several weeks away from lifting.	Increased skin defects in all sizes. Some softness & low level chitting also observed. Tubers smaller in size for jackets, utilizing 2 for 1 portions. UK mids moved to a slightly larger grade to improve quality.	Use quickly and ensure product is stored in a cool, dark place to reduce the likelihood of breakdown and regrowth.

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Additional Information

Seasonal /Supply Update:

Seasonal: Now using imported Spanish parsnips to cover the UK seasonal gap, quality has been good.

UK Weather: High temperatures earlier this month have slowed the growth of already delayed UK crops and combined with continued rainfall this week have left crops prone to developing stress related disorders.