

OLIVER KAY

Fresh Produce Update

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Fruit Of The Week



Passionfruit

Ideal for adding colour and zing to desserts and drinks.

Veg Of The Week



Courgette

New UK season, grown in Cambridgeshire. Great roasted or sautéed.

Quality Update

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

CODE	PRODUCT	MARKET SITUATION	PHYSICAL CONDITION	COMMENTS/ACTION
75075 09398	Broccoli	UK crop. Wet humid weather causing stress to heads. Risk of spear rots.	Reduced shelf-life. Beads will tend to be more purple in appearance.	Use quickly and avoid holding stock.
All Codes	Iceberg, Little Gem and Cos lettuce	Humid, wet weather causing stress to plants.	Delicate heads. Odd discolouration to outer leaves but shelf-life much improved.	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. Will be using some red skinned varieties towards the end of this week.	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 mid potatoes will move to red varieties towards the end of the week to ensure quality is maintained.	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. New season UK courgettes, spring onions and celery now also in stock

UK Weather: High temperatures have slowed the growth of already delayed UK crops and combined with continued rainfall over the past couple of weeks have left crops prone to developing stress related disorders. Pooling water in leaves and on the tops of heads has also increased the risk of mould development both before and after harvest.