

OLIVER KAY

Fresh Produce Update

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Fruit Of The Week



Mango

Currently Brazilian 'Tommy Atkins' variety. Great in salsas and smoothies.

Veg Of The Week



Celery

We are now using new English crop grown in Lancashire. Great in soups and salads.

Quality Update

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

CODE	PRODUCT	MARKET SITUATION	PHYSICAL CONDITION	COMMENTS/ACTION
All Codes	Fresh Melons	EU Melon. Supply very difficult next 2-3 weeks. April/ May plantings were severely damaged by poor weather resulting in up to 60-70% crop loss.	Reduced shelf-life. External: reduced sizes & Scruffy skin finish due to weather damage. Internal: High moisture content so may feel quite soft even when not fully ripe.	Use quickly and avoid holding stock.
75075 09398	Broccoli	UK crop. Wet humid weather causing stress to heads. Risk of spear rots.	Reduced shelf-life. Looser heads. Beads will tend to be more purple in appearance.	Use quickly and avoid holding stock.
All Codes	Lettuce	Wet weather.	Quality and shelf-life good.	Issue resolved.
75194 75634	Kiwi Fruit	Delisted. European crop has finally run out. Gap in supply now until October.	Information only.	Information only.
All Codes	UK Whole Potato	Severe issues with both supply and quality for remains of 2022 stored crop. Temporary specs will be in force until 2023 crop available.	Increased skin defects for all sizes and grades. Odd softness & low level chitting. Utilizing 2 for 1 portions for jacket codes. Red skinned varieties may be used as required to maintain supply.	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: Humid weather and thunderstorms forecast again this week which may impact availability and quality. Increased risk of mildew and mould development in the field after harvest. Inspections increased, please order less more frequently if possible and ensure products are kept cool with good airflow.