

# OLIVER KAY

## Fresh Produce Update

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### Fruit Of The Week



#### Yellow Peach

Great grilled with pork or paired with UK raspberries in traditional desserts.

### Veg Of The Week



#### Carrots

New UK crop. Grown and packed in Yorkshire. Sweet, tender roots great steamed or in 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. Would advise using alternative fruits like pineapple for the next few weeks if possible.
75075 09398	Broccoli	Although cooler now, still a risk of rots due to rain collecting in heads.	Reduced shelf-life. Looser heads. Beads will tend to be more purple in colour.	Use quickly and avoid holding stock.
All Codes	Lettuce	Persistent rain. Large, delicate heads holding a lot of water.	Reduced shelf-life some pinking/ bruising on outer leaves.	Remove affected outer leaves. Use quickly.
75194 75634	Kiwi fruit	Delisted. Gap in supply 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 all sizes. Odd softness & low level chitting. Using 2 for 1 portions for jackets. Some red skinned varieties used needed 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:** UK Heritage tomatoes and berries in season. We are monitoring the situation in the Mediterranean area where very high temperatures there are currently being recorded. Temperatures of the magnitude predicted can cause crops to cease growing leading to later gaps in supply or quality problems.

**UK Grower update :** Continued humid or wet weather has hampered some harvests. Please be aware this week that for open, field grown products such as leafy salads there will be an increased risk of field debris (soil, insects, etc.) inside leaves so please be extra vigilant during washing and preparation. Crops will also be very delicate and prone to bruising during handling/packing due to their high moisture content. This should only affect the outer leaves in most cases and growers may cut with extra layers to compensate for this. Please be assured that once these outer leaves are removed, general appearance should be good.