

OLIVER KAY

Fresh Produce Update

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Fruit Of The Week



Heritage Tomato

English crop. Great colour and flavour. Ideal in tarts, chutneys and salads.

Veg Of The Week



Courgette

English crop. Adds great colour to fritters. Try roasted stuffed with meat or cheese.

Quality Update

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

CODE	PRODUCT	MARKET SITUATION	PHYSICAL CONDITION	COMMENTS/ACTION
All Codes	Galia, Cantaloupe, Honeydew & Water Melons	Very restricted supply of EU crop next 10 days due to poor 2022/23 season.	Reduced shelf-life. Smaller sizes with scruffy skins. Flesh may feel quite soft due to high moisture content.	Would advise using alternative fruits like pineapple if possible.
75194 75634	Kiwi Fruit	Delisted until October.	Information only.	Information only.
75075 09398	Broccoli	UK crop.	Heads tighter with better colour.	Issue resolved.
All Codes	Iceberg, Cos Little Gem Lettuce	Persistent rain. Large, delicate heads holding a lot of water. Cos being stripped back during harvest due to quality issues.	Reduced shelf-life due to high moisture. Iceberg may be packed in x 10's if required. Some pinkening/bruising to outer leaves/ribs.	Use quickly. Remove affected outer leaves during preparation.
84639	Seasonal Fruit Salad	Supply & quality issues with cantaloupe melon.	Replaced with watermelon next 2-3 weeks to ensure quality.	Information only.
All Codes	UK Whole Potato	Very limited supply UK stored. Some temporary specs in place. Will start to see new crop mids next 2 weeks with main crop in approx. 4 weeks.	Stored: increased skin defects for all sizes. Odd softness & low level chitting. 2 for 1 portions for jackets. Red skinned varieties will be used were required.	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

Supply Update: Temperatures have decreased slightly this week but there is still a high risk of damage and disruption across Greece, Spain, France and Italy due to potential wildfires. Tomatoes reported on the market as short supply – we are currently expecting deliveries to programme with no reported issues.

UK Grower update : New season UK red and white cabbage in stock this week. The whites will have a greener cast while still immature. UK greens including Chinese leaf, bok choi, savoy cabbage and spring cabbage all looking good. Due to the continued rain, open field grown products such as leafy salads continue to have an increased risk of field debris (soil, insects, etc.) inside leaves so please be extra vigilant during washing and preparation.