

# OLIVER KAY

## Fresh Produce Update

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### Fruit Of The Week



#### Blueberries

UK origin. Current variety Brigitta. Ideal in pies, cakes & smoothies.

### Veg Of The Week



#### Rocket Leaf

Currently UK season. Ideal for adding a 'peppery' kick to salads and sandwiches.

### Quality Update

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

CODE	PRODUCT	MARKET SITUATION	PHYSICAL CONDITION	COMMENTS/ACTION
All Codes	UK Potato	New UK crop. Wet 'muggy' conditions affecting shelf-life and hampering harvesting. Using smaller jacket sizes and red varieties of mids this week for best quality.	Reduced shelf-life due to unset skins. Tubers are extremely delicate and prone to bruising/breakdown after packing. For jacket codes we are hoping to move back to normal counts and tuber sizes from next week.	Very careful handling & cooler storage required. Use stock within a couple of days if possible.
75382	Spinach	Wet weather causing stress to plants. Low nutrients levels in soil affecting colouration.	Pale colour for some batches. Odd tip burn or yellow marking to leaves.	Use quickly and avoid storing.
71686 75623	Honeydew Melons	Reduced supply of EU crop this season due poor growing conditions.	Sizes have improved. Skin finish will remain on the 'scruffy' side for this cropping.	Information only.
All Codes	Fancy Lettuce	Wet weather slowing growth UK crop in short supply.	Heads may be towards the lower end of spec weight. Quality is good.	Information only.

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Additional Information

**Supply Update:** Due to reduced volumes both Capsicum Peppers & Cherry Tomatoes may be slightly more backwards in colour this week. Red and Yellow peppers will see some green flashing and for tomatoes fruit on the ends of vine trusses may be greener in cast.

**UK Grower update:** Wet/humid weather has reduced spraying opportunities which has led to an increase in both weeds and insect levels in the field. Please be extra vigilant during the washing and preparation of open field grown products such as leafy salads and baby leaf.

**WRTE Crispy Salad & Seasonal mix:** Removing lambs lettuce due to shelf life & breakdown. Increasing other leaf in equal proportions.

**Small Oranges:** Slightly larger sizes are being packed by growers at present due to a shortage of smaller fruit. This will mean piece counts in some boxes may be towards the lower end of specification, however case weights will remain the same.