

# OLIVER KAY

## Fresh Produce Update

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### Fruit Of The Week



#### Strawberry

UK origin. Sweet and juicy, great in a variety of desserts.

### Veg Of The Week



#### Bok Choy

Grown in the UK. Great shredded in slaws, stir-fried with sesame oil or used in soups.

### Quality Update

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

CODE	PRODUCT	MARKET SITUATION	PHYSICAL CONDITION	COMMENTS/ACTION
All Codes	UK Potato	New UK crop is high in moisture with unset skins. Wet conditions are hampering harvesting. Tubers are extremely delicate and despite careful grading we are still seeing breakdown to pressure points in some after packing.	Shelf-life is extremely short. Stock is being checked daily but odd affected tubers may still be present in bags until skins become fully set. Moving back to normal counts and tuber sizes for jacket codes from the end of the week.	Very careful handling & cooler storage essential. Use stock quickly and order smaller amounts more frequently if possible.
75152 75242	Small and Medium Orange	Shortage of smaller sizes. Alternative citrus being used to ensure correct piece count range.	These are Mandarin hybrids so may be flatter in shape. Varieties include both Orri & Leanri at present	Information only.
75079	Black / Red Seedless Grapes	Spanish crop. Quality issues experienced with Summer Royal variety.	Moved variety which has appeared to resolve the issue. Deliveries being monitored.	Information only.
75057 75043	Lamb's Lettuce	Reduced volumes available due to quality issues/rejections.	Wet weather reducing shelf-life.	Use quickly. Order less more frequently if possible.

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Additional Information

**Supply update:** Due to reduced volumes ready for harvest, Capsicum Peppers may be slightly more backwards in colour. Red and Yellow peppers will see some green flashing. Although shelf-life and weight has improved, Honeydew melons will continue to suffer from scruffy skin finish until the end of the Spanish season.

**UK Grower update :** Cooler and persistently wet weather has reduced growth and made the harvesting of some crops difficult. Lettuce heads may be smaller in size and you will see an increased level of soiling in open, unwashed products especially were field packed so more through washing is advised during preparation.

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