

OLIVER KAY

Fresh Produce Update

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Fruit Of The Week



Large Red Apple

New UK harvest. Full of flavour. Great for toffee apples, tarts and crumbles.

Veg Of The Week



Parsnip

Yorkshire Grown, ideal roasted, or in seasonal soups and stews.

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Quality Update

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

CODE	PRODUCT	MARKET SITUATION	PHYSICAL CONDITION	COMMENTS/ACTION
All codes	Tomatoes	Availability very limited for round, intense and beef codes.	Mixed maturity and colour within batches. Some tenderness in riper fruit.	Reduced Life. Use quickly and avoid holding stock.
75194	Kiwi	New season Greek & Turkish now in stock.	Coming in very firm. Using warm room on intake.	Texture will improve as season progresses.
75085 75534	Iceberg Lettuce	Spanish Crop.	Quality is good.	Issue resolved.
49567 83854 14766	Avocado	Poor weather and civil unrest causing supply difficulties.	Multiple origins and sizes needed causing some inconsistency in ripening and skin thickness.	Information only.
74898 75122	Watermelon	Vessel delays into UK causing a shortage of larger fruit.	Quality is good but some smaller sizes may need to be supplied.	Information only.
All Codes	Fancy Lettuce	Last of UK crop. Wet weather affecting quality & availability.	Smaller heads. Stripped back to remove weather affected leaves.	Use quickly and avoid holding stock.
All Codes	Capsicum Peppers	End of Dutch season.	Quality ok but sizes at the lower end. Some colour flashing to skins.	Information only.
75687 75664 27331 75256	Soft Herbs	UK soft herbs struggling with quality due to wet weather.	Reduced shelf-life Spotting or yellowing to odd leaves.	Use quickly and avoid holding stock.

Additional Information

Northern European salad crops will all be moving over to Winter supply from the end of the month. Until then we will struggle with both availability quality of old crop and gaps in availability as we move to Mediterranean/ North African origin

UK: Broccoli finished early – unable to lift remaining crop in Scotland due to flooding. UK Rhubarb now finished moving to imported forced Rhubarb. Some French cauliflower now being used to support UK crop due to problems harvesting flooded fields. French origin will be used over the coming winter as ongoing support to fill any gaps in UK supply. Please note the French product is traditionally supplied in wooden crates. Due to reduced yield for UK cooking apples this year; imported Granny Smiths may also be needed to support UK Bramley supply.

Seasonal: Autumn favourites such as pumpkins 75026, 75097, 85714, 85714 and display gourds 96069 now in stock with chocolate apples 58088, toffee apples 75274, redcurrants 75176 and red kale 57324 available to pre-order.