

# OLIVER KAY

## Fresh Produce Update

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### Fruit Of The Week



#### Plum

Currently Italian origin - Angeleno variety. Ideal in pies, puddings & cakes or even try them pickled.

### Veg Of The Week



#### Jerusalem Artichoke

French Origin. Unique earthy sweet flavour. Great roasted, fried as pureed in a creamy seasonal soup.

### Quality Update

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

CODE	PRODUCT	MARKET SITUATION	PHYSICAL CONDITION	COMMENTS/ACTION
75085 75534	Iceberg Lettuce	Spanish Crop.	Quality good but receiving reports of occasional heads with internal caterpillar in some batches.	Please wash thoroughly. Extra checks required during preparation.
55356	Tenderstem Broccoli	Short supply.	Quality is good	Broccoli makes a good alternative.
98493 02449 75278	Pak/ Bok Choi	UK crop. Increased pests due to reduced spraying.	Small amount of beetle damage to some leaves.	Temporary specification in place.
98828 75604	Dutch Beef Tomato	Using Belgian to support low Moroccan volumes.	Quality good but sizes will be towards the lower end.	Information only.
All	1M & 2M Round Tomato	Using Dutch to support low volume from Spain/Morocco.	Mixed maturity and colour within some batches. Reduced life.	Use quickly and avoid storing.
49567 83854 14766	Avocado	Using multiple origins to ensure supply.	Size, weights and appearance may vary.	Information only.
75180	Blackberry	Supply back up to full volume.	Quality is good.	Issue resolved.

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Additional Information

We have now moved over to Winter imports for most of our salad lines, although we are still having to use a small amount of Dutch tomato as the Moroccan crop isn't yet up to full speed due to a later start this year. Spanish tenderstem has also been delayed which has meant we are having to extend the UK crop for a little longer than normal.

**UK:** Celery now finished. Still using some UK cauliflower but French origin will also be used over the coming winter as ongoing support to fill any gaps in UK supply. Due to reduced yield for UK cooking apples this year; imported Granny Smiths may also be needed to supplement the UK stored Bramley supply.

**Seasonal:** Now looking forward to Christmas. Lancashire grown Red Kale 57324 is available to pre-order. Peeled Sweet Chestnuts 05999 are a stocked line with Loose 'shell on' 76912 available to pre-order. We are now also stocking loose brussel sprouts with peeled to follow next month.