

OLIVER KAY

Fresh Produce Update

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Fruit Of The Week



Blueberry

Currently Argentinian. Great in desserts or try combined with balsamic vinegar in savoury sauces.

Veg Of The Week



Swede

Scottish origin. Lovely sweet, earthy flavour. Ideal roasted in the oven or used in soups & stews.

Quality Update

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

CODE	PRODUCT	MARKET SITUATION	PHYSICAL CONDITION	COMMENTS/ACTION
25665 71644	Strawberry	Supply very difficult until end of the week	Quality is good but some berries are at the lower end of size spec	Information only
55356	Tenderstem Broccoli	Supply tight	Quality is good	Broccoli makes a good alternative
All	Pak/ Bok Choi	UK crop. Some pest damage noted	Appearance now much improved	Information only
98828 75604	Beef Tomato	Supply very tight. Moroccan production low using some Belgian as support	Quality good but sizes towards the lower end of spec	Information only
All	Round Tomato (M size grades)	Supply very tight. Moroccan production low	Odd batches slightly under colour	Use quickly and avoid storing
83854 49567	RTE Avocado	Mixture of weather and unrest has meant large fruit in very short supply this year	Supply range to increase from x18 counts to 18-20 counts to ensure availability & quality maintained	Information only
75340 75212	Maris Piper	Product code/description expanded to include Elland variety as well which has similar cooking properties	Ongoing quality issues (bruising/break down) with this year's crop after packing. Elland to be used as quality is much more consistent	Information only

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Additional Information

Tomatoes: Although our own supply is secure, there's a general shortage of both beef and round tomatoes on the market due to a late start to the Moroccan season combined with high level of virus in some crop which is leading to higher wastage than usual during the grading process.

Ungraded Mushrooms: Please note that the specification for this code includes both white and chestnut varieties.

Delayed Vessels: Suppliers are reporting difficulties meeting demand due to late deliveries. This has been caused by several container ships by-passing UK ports as a result of the recent mid- Atlantic storms.

Brazil: Brazil who are one of our main suppliers for melons and limes are currently experiencing a severe spring heatwave in the South of the country. Although no quality issues have been reported by our growers as yet, we are monitoring the situation closely.

Seasonal: Peeled chestnuts 05999 , 'shell on' chestnuts 76912 and loose Brussels Sprouts continue to be available to order