

OLIVER KAY

Fresh Produce Update

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Fruit Of The Week



Pomegranate

Currently Spanish in origin. Ideal paired with goats cheese or feta in salads.

Veg Of The Week



Candy Beetroot

Currently French in origin. These make eye-catching salads and pickles.

Quality Update

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

CODE	PRODUCT	MARKET SITUATION	PHYSICAL CONDITION	COMMENTS/ACTION
25665 71644	Strawberry	New Season North African fruit now in store.	Characteristic pale colour and large sepal at top of fruit.	Information only.
55356	Tenderstem Broccoli	Supply still tight.	Quality is good.	Broccoli makes a good alternative.
All Codes	Fancy Lettuce	Using Dutch origin - waiting for Spanish crop.	Quality good but smaller delicate heads prone to bruising.	Use quickly. Remove any affected leaves.
98828 75604	Beef Tomato	Supply very tight. Using Belgian while Moroccan getting up to speed.	Quality good but sizes towards the lower end of spec.	Information only.
All codes	M & MM Tomato	Supply still very tight for Moroccan.	Quality much improved for Dutch.	Information only.
83854 49567	RTE Avocado	Due to storms and unrest there will be a shortage of larger fruit this year.	Until further notice, counts will be increased to between 18-20 fruit per box to ensure availability.	Information only.
75340 75212	Maris Piper	Product code to include Elland variety which has similar cooking properties.	Ongoing quality issues with this year's Piper crop have necessitated the use of Elland to improve consistency.	Information only.

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Additional Information

Country of origin changes: Almost all stock of tomatoes is now new season Moroccan in origin – still odd Belgian and Dutch but quality is good. Fancy leaf (Oak & Lollo) still waiting to move over to Spanish origin. Strawberries have now moved over to North African supply.

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

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.