

# OLIVER KAY

## Fresh Produce Update

Week commencing 18/12/2023

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### Fruit Of The Week



#### Cranberries

A Christmas favourite. They make eye-catching pies, crumbles sauces and jellies.

### Veg Of The Week



#### Sprouts

UK origin. Great flavour and colour. Boil, steam or roast. Popular paired with parmesan or bacon.

### Quality Update

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

CODE	PRODUCT	MARKET SITUATION	PHYSICAL CONDITION	COMMENTS/ACTION
74985 75299 75358	Prepared Parsnips	High moisture levels making processing aids less effective at preventing discolouration after peeling	Enzyme reaction on contact with air causing grey or brown colour on some cut surfaces after preparation	Cosmetic. Supplier has added additional steps & OK are increasing store checks
29159 29161 99211 75345	Prepared veg mixes containing parsnip or celeriac	High moisture levels making processing aids less effective at preventing natural discolouration after peeling	Grey or brown colour developing to some cut surfaces. Will start to substitute turnip for parsnip and Swede for Celeriac in mixes	Cosmetic. Supplier has added additional steps & OK are increasing store checks
49774 75305 75665	Red Chillies	Variety change to finger chilli	Quality and heat will be the same	Information only
75417 75197	Green Courgettes	Production reduced by 50% due to virus and the weather	OK supply secure but shelf-life reduced	Use quickly and avoid storing
98828 75604	North African Beef Tomato	Cooler temps. in Morocco. Slow growth. Some Tunisian fruit to from the end of the week	Slow ripening. Size band amended to include slightly smaller fruit	Some fruit may be slightly under colour
75596	1M / 2M & G Tomato	Cooler temps in Spain & Morocco affecting growth	Slow ripening. Size range amended to 47 – 82mm	Some fruit may be slightly under colour

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Additional Information

#### Spain & North Africa

Problems with high humidity in parts of Spain combined with unseasonably cool night temperatures in growing areas of both Spain and North Africa. This is slowing the speed of growth for many crops and hampering ripening. Growers are reporting problems with the quality, availability and growth of several crops including: Broccoli, Tomatoes, Peppers and Courgettes in affected regions. The industry is also battling with high levels of ToBRFV virus this season in both tomato and courgette crops. This is currently being managed at source but may start to impact volumes & quality by the end of Jan.

#### Christmas Lines (these will remain available until New Year)

Chestnuts: Peeled (vac pack) 05999 & fresh in shell 76912. Fresh Brussels Sprouts: loose 76934 & trimmed 76927. Fresh Cranberries: 74948 and Red Currants: 75176