

OLIVER KAY

Fresh Produce Update

Week commencing 15/01/2023

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Fruit Of The Week



Large Red Apples

Grown in Kent.
Make excellent sauces, pies, chutneys and puddings

Veg Of The Week



Green Kale

Grown in Lancashire. Use raw in vibrant smoothies or add to casseroles

Quality Update

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

CODE	PRODUCT	MARKET SITUATION	PHYSICAL CONDITION	COMMENTS/ ACTION
98462 98403	Peruvian Asparagus	Gall midge found in some spears preventing UK import entry	Trying to arrange alternative supply	Tenderstem Broccoli 55356 is a good alternative
75079 75009	Red/Black Seedless Grapes	Gaps in supply due to a late harvest & port delays	Green grapes will be used as an alternative when red not available	Information only
82828 75128	Spring Greens	Limited availability	Alternative supply available in small volumes	Hispi 98513 makes a good alternative
75564 74963	Pre-packed Tricolour Peppers	Larger size & maturity causing quality issues for yellow colour	Yellow fruit replaced with an additional red. Bi-colour for 1 more week	Information only
49774 75305 75665	Red Chillies	Gap between Dutch/ Spanish long chilli. New crop now coming through	Using some finger chilli as support. Equivalent heat but slightly smaller in size	Information only
75352 75032	Savoy Cabbage	Frosts & weather damage to outer leaves	Removing affected leaves. Heads will be paler in colour for successive deliveries	Hispi 98513 makes a good green alternative
All Codes	Spanish Round Tomato	Cooler night temperatures slowing ripening	Some fruit may be tender and/or under colour	Information only

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Additional Information

Spain & North Africa

Some problems with slow growth, colour and/or quality of Tomatoes, Cucumbers and Peppers and due to low night temperatures in both Spain and North Africa as well as a higher than normal level of different viruses in some crops which is leading to high wastage during harvest/grading. Supply to Oliver Kay remains secure but availability is very tight so we are closely monitoring harvests.

Shipping

General disruption to international shipping caused by mid Atlantic storms and diversions to avoid Houthi attacks in the red sea. This has impacted both grape and banana shipments causing late arrivals or bypasses to UK ports.

Seasonal

Yorkshire forced Rhubarb is due to start this week.