

OLIVER KAY

Fresh Produce Update

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Fruit Of The Week



Pomegranate

Provides a vibrant colour & nice crunch to salads and cous cous dishes

Veg Of The Week



Pak Choi

UK grown, great in soups salads and stir-fry's

Quality Update

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

CODE	PRODUCT	MARKET SITUATION	PHYSICAL CONDITION	COMMENTS/ ACTION
16073 75596 75603 75265 83280 98437	Tomatoes	Quality of both Spanish and Moroccan crops affected by plant viruses and overcast weather	Reduced life. Some fruit is very delicate and tends to break down easily. Odd fruit may be under colour	Checks increased. Use quickly and avoid storing
All Codes	UK Jacket & Ware Potatoes	Poor stored crop this year with a high percentage of defects. Anticipate having to more to imports by April	Reduced life in some batches. Skins may be quite scruffy in appearance. Odd internal defects in larger tubers.	Increased cut testing being carried out. Careful handling required
75079 75009	Red/Black Seedless Grapes	Back in supply	Quality good	Issue resolved
75564 74963 75552 75556 75495 75509	Red & Yellow Peppers	Spanish origin. Rains and over cast weather hampering quality	Reduced shelf life for both red and yellow fruit	Use quickly and avoid storing
74898	Water Melon	Delayed shipping. Slightly smaller fruit sourced to ensure supply	Quality is good but slightly smaller in size	Yield may be reduced for singles

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Additional Information

Shipping / Supply problems

Unrest related to farming strikes has abated in France, however we still have some localised striking in Spain which our suppliers are making arrangements to avoid. Some delays with vessels from Central and South America which has impacted some melon arrivals.

Seasonal Yorkshire forced Rhubarb, carrots and parsnips in stock. Scottish swedes and Lincolnshire white & red cabbages also available.