

OLIVER KAY

Fresh Produce Update

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Fruit Of The Week



Heritage Tomato

Spanish origin. Great taste and adds vibrant colour to tarts and salsas

Veg Of The Week



Swede

Grown in Scotland. Ideal roasted, mashed or added to stews

Quality Update

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

CODE	PRODUCT	MARKET SITUATION	PHYSICAL CONDITION	COMMENTS/ ACTION
16073 75596 75603 75265 83280 98437	Moroccan Tomatoes	Moroccan fruit	Still some tender fruit but shelf-life improving over the next week	Avoid holding extra stock
All Codes	Savoy Cabbage & Curly Kale	UK crop	Odd spots of discolouration to outer leaves due to the weather	Information only
75272 75554	Butternut Squash	Portuguese origin	Issue resolved	Information only
All Codes	UK Jacket & Ware Potatoes	Reduced life and high defect levels in UK crop	Skins may be scruffy in appearance. Odd internal defects in larger tubers	Increased cut testing being carried out. Careful handling required
All Codes	Red & Yellow Peppers	Spanish origin	Quality is now improved	Issue resolved
74883 75541	Green Peppers	Spanish origin	Quality good but ripening quite quickly	avoid holding stock
74898 75122	Water Melon	Shipments back on track	Size back to normal	Issue resolved

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Additional Information

Shipping / Supply problems

Farming strikes have calmed down in France, still add localised protests and Spain but not hampering our deliveries at present. Monitoring the situation regarding North Africa tomatoes with Ramadan coming up as the local government have been known to impose export restrictions during the holiday period.

Seasonal UK

Yorkshire forced Rhubarb still available. Now seeing the last of the UK grown large red apples and Cornish Spring cabbage. UK root veg is all looking good