

OLIVER KAY

Fresh Produce Update

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Fruit Of The Week



Seasonal Pear

Rocha variety, great poached with spices or with cheese

Veg Of The Week



Jerusalem Artichoke

Unique nutty flavour. Try them roasted or use in stews

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

CODE	PRODUCT	MARKET SITUATION	PHYSICAL CONDITION	COMMENTS/ ACTION
98462 98403	Peruvian Asparagus	Still out of stock this week. Due WC 5 th Feb	Quality is good – stock will be of mixed origins	Tenderstem Broccoli is an alternative
All Codes	UK Jacket & Ware Potatoes	High percentage of internal defects and skin marking this year	Tubers tend to be delicate and prone to bruising. More internal defects than usual seen in larger tubers	Increased cut testing being carried out. Careful handling required
75079 75009	Red/Black Seedless Grapes	Supply improved	Quality is good	Issue resolved
82828 75128	Spring Greens	Frost damage to UK crop. Limited availability	Moved to imported crop which is good quality	Hispi 98513 makes a good alternative
All Codes	Red & Yellow Peppers	Spanish Crop. Slow ripening	Reduced shelf life red and yellow fruit	Use quickly and avoid storing
All codes	Round and Beef Tomatoes	Temperatures are improving	Quality and shelf-life improved this week. Sizes back to normal	Information only
75352 75032 76776	Savoy Cabbage and Curly Kale	Frosts & poor weather in UK. Moving to imported stock	Some frost damage to leaf tips UK. UK Savoy may have all outer leaves removed	Hispi 98513 makes a good green alternative
09509 75468	Cauliflower	Mainly French origin with some UK	UK crop has some frost damage to ribs. Some curds at lower end of size	Information only

Additional Information

Tomatoes

Still some problems with Spoon (TYLCV) and Brown Rugose (ToBRFV) viruses but temperatures are much improved for ripening – we appear to be over the worst

Shipping / Supply problems

Increased disruption to international shipping this week. Atlantic Storms and Houthi attacks on vessels in the Red Sea continue. Added to this we are now getting targeted attacks on Spanish fresh produce transports in France. Looking to divert vehicles through Belgium were possible

Seasonal Yorkshire forced Rhubarb now in stock