

OLIVER KAY

Fresh Produce Update

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Fruit Of The Week



Grapes

South Africa origin. Try them pickled, roasted or add to cakes and focaccia

Veg Of The Week



Oyster Mushrooms

Grown in Lancashire. Unique 'meaty' texture when cooked

Quality Update

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

CODE	PRODUCT	MARKET SITUATION	PHYSICAL CONDITION	COMMENTS/ ACTION
All Codes	Moroccan Tomatoes	Struggling with shelf-life of Winter Moroccan fruit due to earlier hot spell. Quality will start to improve now Spring crop is available	Current fruit is of mixed turgidity. Odd fruit is very tender. Firmness and shelf-life to improve towards the end of the week	Reduced life. Avoid holding stock
All Codes	Curly Kale	Supply still quite tight as end of Winter crop	Small leaves and larger stems. Odd buds may be seen	Information only
All Codes	UK Jacket & Ware Potatoes	Reduced UK crop this year will have to utilise imports from April	Skins may be scruffy in appearance. Reduce life keep stocks tight and avoid storing	Tubers are delicate. Careful handling required
All Codes	Red Peppers	Some large fruit which has reduced life	Seeing odd breakdown at pressure points in larger fruit	Use quickly and avoid holding stock
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Additional Information

Shipping / Supply problems

Still difficult via the East Mediterranean but no significant delays at present.

Seasonal

UK: Yorkshire forced Rhubarb is in season and all our UK root veg is still looking and tasting great.

Rest of the World: Now seeing some South African 'Williams' in our seasonal pears. Spanish Strawberries also in stock and looking good. Costa Rican Watermelons are now also in stock but slightly pale internally due to the early stage of the season.