

OLIVER KAY

Fresh Produce Update

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Fruit Of The Week



Ruby Grapefruit

Turkish origin. Adds colour and zing to salads, sorbets and cakes

Veg Of The Week



Sweet Potato

Egyptian Origin. Try fried, roasted or boiled

Quality Update

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

CODE	PRODUCT	MARKET SITUATION	PHYSICAL CONDITION	COMMENTS/ ACTION
75272 75554	Butternut Squash	New Season South African crop	Quality is good but size may be towards the lower end of specification	Information only
All Codes	Tomatoes	Moving from Winter to Spring crop	Intake quality is much improved for the Spring crop. Shelf-life still slightly reduced in Moroccan fruit	Use quickly and avoid holding stock
All Codes	UK Jacket & Ware Potatoes	Reduced UK crop this year will have to utilise imports from April	Skins may be scruffy in appearance	Tubers are delicate. Careful handling required
75495 75509	Red Peppers	Now mainly new Spring crop	Still some skin marking but shelf-life is improved	Resolved
74883 75541	Green Peppers	Spanish origin	Growers picking best colour to reduce colour flash	Please avoid holding stock as ripening quickly
75122 74898	Water Melon	New Season Costa Rican fruit	As early in the season, sugar levels and internal colour still developing	Information only

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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.