

OLIVER KAY

Fresh Produce Update

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Fruit Of The Week



Raspberry

Currently Spanish origin. Great in sauces, dressings and desserts

Veg Of The Week



Celery

Spanish Origin. Use for soups, stew bases or in salads

Quality Update

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

CODE	PRODUCT	MARKET SITUATION	PHYSICAL CONDITION	COMMENTS/ACTION
75272 75554	Cucumbers	End of Spanish Winter crop. Moving to Dutch crop from next month	Quality is still good but shelf-life may be reduced	Use quickly and avoid holding stock
83280 75596 16073 75603 75411 98828 75604 75613 75589	Round Tomatoes	Difficult supply. Poor weather in addition to end of Winter crop Spain/ Morocco. Difficult period for quality & shelf-life	Fruit reselected in Holland & UK for best quality. Fruit may be softer in texture. Mixture of more mature and under mature batches	Reduced life. Avoid holding stock. Fruit may be more backwards in colour
75395 75436	Ware Potatoes	UK crop shortage this year using some imported crop to maintain supply	Skins scruffy in appearance. Some bruising in ware codes so additional peeling may be required	Tubers are delicate – peel at room temperature to reduce bruising
99768 96711 75552 75495 75509 75556 75564 74963	Spanish Red, Yellow and Tri-colour Peppers	Difficult supply for end of Winter Crop. Increased skin marking and large fruit causing shelf-life problems	Fruit prone to breakdown at pressure points and skins will be more 'scruffy' in appearance. Picking younger fruit for best quality so some flashing.	Reduced life. Avoid holding stock.
75354	Jalapeños	Short Supply – using a mix of Spanish & Moroccan until Dutch is ready	Increased skin marking due to the weather from 'cracking' in some batches	This is only cosmetic and the taste is still good

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Additional Information

Shipping / Supply problems

Shipping from Morocco currently unaffected by Ramadan – no export bans imposed so far this year

Seasonal

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

Rest of the World: Main transitional period between Winter (Spain/ North Africa) to Spring (Netherlands) crops now starting for hard salads (cucumbers, peppers & tomatoes). During this time some reduced life is expected as we see an increase in defects in the tail end of the Winter crop and some delicacy and immaturity in the new Spring crops. Please handle with extra care and use as quickly as possible during this time.