

OLIVER KAY

Fresh Produce Update

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Fruit Of The Week



Raspberries

Spanish origin. Nice tart flavour. Ideal for cheese cakes or use in sweet / savoury sauces

Veg Of The Week



Tenderstem Spanish

Origin. Great sliced raw in salads or cook in stir-fries

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Quality Update

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

CODE	PRODUCT	MARKET SITUATION	PHYSICAL CONDITION	COMMENTS/ ACTION
All Codes	Tomatoes	Continuation of seasonal shoulder. Mixture of Spanish/ Moroccan fruit and new season Dutch. Quality should start to improve now week on week	Reduced life and mixed maturity in some batches. Odd soft fruit. Dutch origin may be a more backwards in colour but is also very delicate	Order less more frequently if possible during this period as reduced life
99768 96711 75552 75495 75509 75556 75564 74963	Spanish Red, Yellow and Tri-colour Peppers	Quality and shelf-life difficult at end of Spanish Season. Tending towards larger fruit with increased skin marking. Quality should improve now as starting to see some batches of Dutch fruit	Spanish fruit (especially reds) are large in size and prone to breakdown at pressure points. Skins have increased silvering so will be more 'scruffy' in appearance overall	Avoid holding stock. Order less more frequently if possible during this period as reduced life
25665 25671	Strawberries	Spanish & Greek Origin	Lovely large fruit. Quality at intake remains good but shelf-life may be reduced	Avoid holding stock. Order less more frequently
75259 75241 79347	Cucumber	Seasonal change over	Quality at intake remains good but shelf-life may be reduced	Avoid holding stock. Order less more frequently

Additional Information

Shipping / Supply problems

Suppliers warning of delayed vessels out of Central/ South America which is leading to some issues with Banana ripening. If still under colour, store in a warm room within the original sealed packaging for the quickest colour change.

Seasonal

UK: Wild Garlic and Jersey royals are now available to pre-order.

Rest of the World: High temperatures predicted in Spain this week. Prolonged extremes of weather in Western Europe and the Med. During the Winter season have caused quality and shelf-life problems with both tomato and pepper crops in Spain and Morocco. This latest issue during the seasonal crossover between Spain/Morocco & Holland may lead to further problems so we are keeping a close eye on all salad deliveries.