

OLIVER KAY

Fresh Produce Update

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Fruit Of The Week



Watermelon

Current origin: Panama.
Use in sorbets, salads and punches

Veg Of The Week



Asparagus Full British supply from mid week. Great roasted, steamed or boiled

Quality Update

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

CODE	PRODUCT	MARKET SITUATION	PHYSICAL CONDITION	COMMENTS/ACTION
74883 75509 75556 75564 75552 75495 75541 74963	Capsicum Peppers (Spanish Origin)	Still using some Spanish Winter crop to support Dutch volumes. Last delivery will be the end of this week. Fruit may be quite 'squat' in shape	Reduced life. Rots have decreased but still seeing some softness and skin marking esp. in the yellow colour. Replacing yellow with orange fruit in tri-colour packs for best quality	Fruit sizes tend mainly towards either the lower end (e.g. green) or higher end (e.g. red) end of the diameter range
75604 98828	Beef Tomatoes	Using a mixture of Tunisian, Spanish and Belgian origins until new Dutch /Belgian crop up to full volume.	Belgian/ Dutch quality is good. Spanish/Tunisian fruit will have some softness or mixed colour and some batches will be at the lower end of the size grade	Order less more frequently if possible
All Codes	Round. Plum and Cherry Tomato	M, 2M, 3M round and cherry tomato	Moroccan fruit still slightly soft but general quality and shelf-life is much improved	Resolved
All Codes	Carrots	Now using the tail end of the over-wintered UK crop	Due to ongoing wet weather, starting to see odd breakdown to crowns	Avoid holding stock. Order less more frequently

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Additional Information

Shipping / Supply problems

Suppliers reporting problems with failed and delayed airfreight from the far east – specifically Thailand. Airlines are currently restricting their cargo weight to allow for the extra fuel needed to detour restricted airspace areas around Russia/Ukraine, Gaza, Israel & Iran. We are currently working to source alternative origins / shipping methods were possible to restrict any disruption

UK: Wild garlic and Jersey royals available to pre-order. Yorkshire rhubarb has now moved from the indoor crop to outdoor grown as the weather starts to improve. From mid-week we will move from imported to fully English asparagus which will continue supply (as the weather allows) until the end of the UK season