

OLIVER KAY

Fresh Produce Update

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Fruit Of The Week



Pineapple

Current origin: Costa Rica. Great Roasted or sautéed in butter

Veg Of The Week



Bok Choi : Grown in the UK. Ideal in slaws, stir-fries and wilted in soups

Quality Update

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

CODE	PRODUCT	MARKET SITUATION	PHYSICAL CONDITION	COMMENTS/ ACTION
All Codes	Capsicum Peppers	From this end of this week stock should be all Dutch Origin	Quality is good. Some colour flashing but this within specification	Issue resolved
75604 98828	Beef Tomatoes	Mixture of origins being used this week until new season crop up to full volume	Belgian/ Dutch fruit are firm and look great. Spanish & Tunisian fruit has a bit of softness & odd skin marking	Information only
16073	G Tomato	New Dutch crop	Early varieties will tend to be more fluted than round in shape	Yield for slicing may be reduced
98462	Asparagus	UK Crop has reduced volume due to some cold weather & morning frosts	UK quality is good but we will need to utilise imports to meet customer orders	Information only
All Codes	Carrots	Last month of UK over-wintered crop	Starting to see odd breakdown to crowns due to wet weather. Reduced life	Avoid holding stock. Order less more frequently
14941 14945 14954 14977	Bagged Salad Mixes	Cooler, wetter conditions are causing reduced volumes of some Spanish salad leaves	Quality is currently good but we may need to use contingency leaves in mixes to ensure continued supply & quality	Information only

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Additional Information

Shipping / Supply problems

Supply is still tight from Asia/ Thailand due to reduced freight to allow additional fuel for detours. We are looking at alternative origins / shipping methods to restrict any possible disruption. Our Banana supplier has also warned of late fruit releases due to delays in the inspection process last week. This is impacting the ripening speed of this week's fruit which could see some batches being a bit under-colour. Deliveries to customers should be back to normal by next Monday though

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. English Asparagus will continue supply (as available volumes allow) until the end of the UK season