

OLIVER KAY

Fresh Produce Update

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Fruit Of The Week



Blueberries: Spanish Origin. Ideal in sweet dishes like cakes, pies and smoothies

Veg Of The Week



Spinach: Italian Origin. Versatile leaf which is great in salads, curries & pasta

Quality Update

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

CODE	PRODUCT	MARKET SITUATION	PHYSICAL CONDITION	COMMENTS/ ACTION
83280 75596 16073 75603 75411	Round Tomato M, MM & G sizes	Improved weather. Last 3 weeks of Spain/N. Africa	Improvements seen but shelf-life still reduced and colour mixed.	Supplemented by small volumes of Dutch crop
All Codes	Lollo Bianda, Lollo Rosso & Red Oakleaf	Improved weather	Quality and shelf-life much improved	Issue resolved
All Codes	Capsicum Peppers	Spanish crop. Tight supply till end of season due to high level of out grades	Reduced Shelf-life. Skins scruffy in class 1. Catering (class 2) higher level of permitted defects	Some colour flash in red/ yellow. Odd Dutch coming through for Green codes
23272 83854 49567 14766	RTE Avocado	End of Season for several origins	Reduced life after ripening as fruit less robust	Avoid holding stock. Use quickly
21471 96962 75682	Sweet & Thai Basil	Shortages & quality issues with Kenyan crop due to rains & high heat	Reduced life due to wet humid weather. Thai code will be subbed with sweet as required	Order less more frequently. Micro codes still available
74919 74897 75085 75534 75069 75087	Iceberg, Cos & Little Gem Lettuce	Improved weather but quality issues in Spanish crop due to previous heavy rains	Quality ok but increased trimming needed in the field. Odd heads with internal defects	Heads may be paler in colour & slightly smaller in size
75354	Jalapeño Chilli Pepper	Reduced Supply. Our growers are supporting contracted volumes	A range of jalapeño cultivars will be used to ensure supply	Odd colour flashing as fruit is more mature at point of pick

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Additional Information

Shipping: No Issues at present but rains in Kenya are affecting the quality of some crops like herbs and fine beans there.

Seasonal Changes: Seasonal shoulder between Spanish/ North Africa Winter crops to new Spring crops in France, Netherlands and UK. Capsicum peppers will continue to be a challenge until the end of the month. Tomatoes will be moving over earlier than normal this year due to the poor Spanish/ Moroccan Winter season. We have started to get some Belgian beef tomato and are also seeing very limited volumes of 1M/2M Dutch round tomato both of which have been very good quality. Quality should get back to normal as Dutch crops come fully on line towards the end of the month. Aubergine supply will also be mixed with more Dutch fruit coming through over the next few weeks

UK: Jersey Royals x6kgs 04005 and Wild Garlic 99877 are now available to pre-order