

# OLIVER KAY

## Fresh Produce Update

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### Fruit Of The Week



**Mango:** Brazilian Origin. Versatile fruit - use in both savoury dishes and desserts

### Veg Of The Week



**Celery:** Spanish origin. Great raw in salads or try braised. Ideal in soup or soffritto bases

### Quality Update

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

CODE	PRODUCT	MARKET SITUATION	PHYSICAL CONDITION	COMMENTS/ ACTION
98795 99045	White Onion	End of stored European crop. Struggling with quality	Reduced life and some internal re-growth	Red is an alternative as similar mild taste
77882 75318 75323	Easy Peeler	Moroccan fruit Re-greening due to delayed harvest	Eats well but not suitable for display due to flashing	Recommend code 77882 for a better colour
83280 75596 75603 75411	Round Tomato M/MM sizes	80% new season Dutch fruit this week. Last of Canary Island crop	No problems reported with Dutch origin. Canary Island may be slightly softer	Will resolve this week as new crop increases volume
16073	Round Tomato G Size	Early Season Dutch and Belgian	First crop will have more pronounced shape / ribbing	Yield reduced for slicing due to shape
All Codes	Red & Yellow Capsicum Peppers	Low availability at end of season. Some smaller fruit required to ensure supply	Skin marking & reduced life. Using orange fruit instead of yellow for best quality	Last two weeks before Dutch comes on line
23272 83854 49567 14766	RTE Avocado	End of season. Limited new S.African/ Brazilian	End of season fruit will have reduced life after ripening	Avoid holding stock. Use quickly
21471	Thai Basil	Raw material shortages due to quality	substituted with sweet basil as required.	Micro Thai basil still available
75354	Jalapeño Chilli Pepper	Limited supply. Seasonal change	Quality has been good	Small volumes of Dutch now arriving

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Additional Information

**Shipping:** Significant delays reported for vessels from Costa Rica affecting arrivals over the bank holiday weekend. Supplier is trying to source alternative fruit from the continent to ensure full supply – colouration and fruit sizes may vary. Awaiting further updates.

**Seasonal Changes:** Major seasonal change between hemispheres for the supply for salads, top fruit, citrus and avocados. During this time we will see a dip in quality and self-life due to the maturity of end of season crops or stored and the delicacy of new season harvests. This will improve over the next two to three weeks as more new season harvests start to come through and we move from very early season delicate first cropping into more robust main crop.

**UK:** Jersey Royals x6kgs 04005 and Wild Garlic 99877 still available