

# Crop Report

Wednesday 24th June to Wednesday 1st July

Get the insight you need to plan more effectively and manage your menus with our latest report from the field, brought to you by our expert produce team.

## Spotlight on...British Strawberries



Summer has definitely arrived this week and the scorching temperatures are ideal for serving up tasty desserts. How better to do that than with British strawberries? We're proud to stock strawberries from Driscoll's, grown by dedicated British growers. The varieties are naturally bred to thrive in our local growing conditions, delivering the sweetness, colour and flavour that make this one of the most celebrated moments in the seasonal calendar.

## Raspberries



All berries are now coming from British farms. Availability continues to recover and we are not expecting any shortages.

However, we are maintaining a watching brief on the extreme weather that is expected over the coming week or so, as this could cause the plants to react and production to slow or stop. We will continue to work with suppliers to maximise availability.

## Melons



We have now moved from the challenging Almeria season into Mercian fruit, which is helping to ease the supply situation.

While we are not expecting any more major shortages, there are extreme temperatures across Spain, which could impact the harvest, and we will continue to carefully monitor the situation.

## Brassicas



All transitions to new season British brassicas have been completed. However, we are still early in the season, so there are some concessions for the next week or so to help aid availability, including on cauliflower and sweetheart cabbage.

Red cabbage availability is becoming extremely tight as we near the end of the stored crop; concessions remain in place to support supply, but the coming weeks will be challenging.

## Swede



Following a poor growing season last year, the remaining stored crop is now smaller than specification. In order to maintain availability at the end of the season, a size concession is in place.

## Carrots



As we are at the end of the season, quality is variable, and we are therefore sourcing some product from alternative origins to support availability.

## Passion Fruit



Passion fruit yields in Colombia are currently low, creating pressure on availability.

To maintain supply, stocks will need to be air-freighted for the next few weeks.