

# CROP REPORT

Wednesday 3rd August - Wednesday 17th August

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

## Brassicas



We are seeing continued challenges with this category due to high temperatures across Europe and the UK.

Our growers are reporting an unprecedented summer climate and have forecast supply to continue to be affected throughout August into September, if rainfall does not increase and temperatures regulate.

Cauliflower, broccoli, spring greens, tenderstem® and savoy cabbage are the worst impacted varieties, with reduced volumes and head weights or slight discolouration.

Broccoli requires cool periods to effectively mature and for optimum growing conditions to not exceed 26°C.

We have concessions in place to help mitigate these challenges and keep our customers in as close to full supply as possible. To reduce ongoing impact, we are exploring alternative sourcing options from Scotland and Cornwall, from reputable suppliers, where average temperatures are cooler, alongside additional options out of Europe.

The situation is being monitored daily and we will communicate accordingly.

**Origin: UK, Europe**

## Oyster Mushrooms



The substrate used for growing oyster mushrooms has been affected by the recent heatwave and is causing burning to the mycelium the mushrooms require to grow, this is negatively impacting yields.

The situation is forecast to improve over the next 2-3 weeks.

**Origin: UK, The Netherlands, Poland**

## Tenderstem®



Tenderstem® supply has been significantly challenged over the past week due to the heatwave across Europe and prolonged dry growing conditions. We are sourcing alternative supply from Kenya, however availability in the market is low.

**Origin: UK**

## Melons



Market availability on melons has improved but remains a risk as we move into the Spanish La Mancha region. No issues currently, but one to watch over the next few weeks.

Galia and Cantaloupe continue to arrive larger than specification.

**Origin: Italy, Morocco, South America, Spain**

## Cucumbers



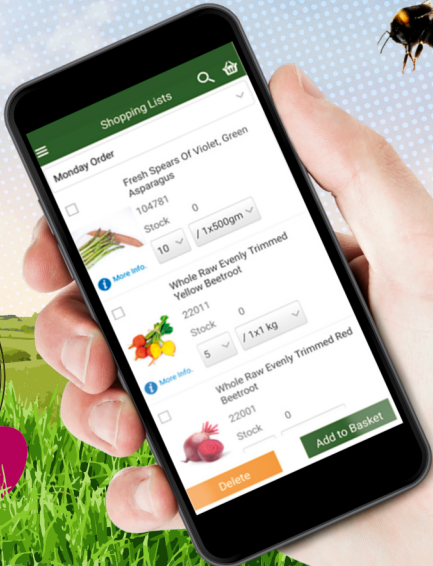
Availability of cucumbers is low due to the extreme weather conditions across Europe. Quality is varying out of Spain and availability out of Holland is low. Improvements over the next few weeks are unlikely, issues will be monitored closely and communicated accordingly.

**Origin: UK, Europe Wide**

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