

THE GRAPE VINE



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December



Wild Roquette **ALERT** ⚠️

Wild Roquette from Spain is still poor quality due to yellowing, so no availability. The Italian supply is showing mildew and yellowing with an increased risk of downy mildew. The Portuguese crop is reporting weeds. We are working with our suppliers to ensure we take the best quality crop that is available for our customers.



Sugar Snap Peas

We are currently sourcing sugar snap peas from Peru and Kenya. We are seeing excellent quality coming through with no defects seen.



Prep Potatoes **ALERT** ⚠️

As seen all season in UK supplied prep potatoes there is an increased level of internal defects causing poor availability. We are seeing more potatoes smaller in size than last year, approximately 70% smaller - 45mm, with signs of pinking and greening on intake. We have a concession in place to allow smaller potatoes, our supplier and depots have increased the amount of checks, including cut and cook tests.



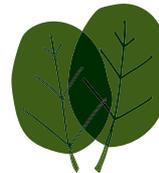
Strawberries **ALERT** ⚠️

We are currently using all “New Season” Egyptian fruit, typical of variety and source - Large Cylex. The strawberries are showing some dry bruising, but good colour. We are continuing to work with our growers and suppliers, and we’re monitoring issues closely in our depots.



Swede

UK Swede is showing great quality and size, no defects are being seen.



Spinach **ALERT** ⚠️

We are currently importing Spinach from Spain, Portugal and Italy. Portuguese and Spanish spinach are wetter crops due to recent heavy rainfall, with Portuguese Spinach showing evidence of damage. Italian Spinach is still causing concern due to a soft first cut product and the second cut is showing damaged leaves, yellowing and spotting. We are working to ensure we take the best produce that is available from the appropriate country of origin depending on quality.



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