

THE GRAPE VINE



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Peppers **ALERT** ⚠️

The ongoing weather issues in Spain has slowed the growth process down of peppers and has delayed the ripening phase. This is resulting in green peppers being slightly backward in colour. We are liaising with growers and working hard to mitigate any issues and ensure supply. We will be monitoring this issue closely over the next couple of weeks.



Blueberries

We're currently using Peruvian sea freight blueberries which are of good size, great flavour and consistent quality.



Lemons **ALERT** ⚠️

The heavy rainfall in Spain has resulted in issues with mould, and growers are unable to pick wet crop as this will lead to cell breakdown. We are monitoring this issue closely, liaising with our growers and working hard to mitigate any disruption to customers.



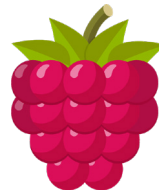
Brussel Sprouts **ALERT** ⚠️

The UK brussel sprout crop has suffered with the dry weather conditions leaving us with a low yield of larger size brussel sprouts. Quality and availability of smaller size brussel sprouts is still good. Concession are in place to reduce larger sizes from 30-40mm to 20-30mm.



Wild Rocket

Italian wild rocket is producing a good quality crop with great colour and good sized bright crisp leaves.



Raspberries **ALERT** ⚠️

The continuous wet weather in Spain and Portugal is still affecting crops. Raspberries are of good size but there are small amounts of breakdown being seen due to the weather conditions at source. We are liaising with growers and will be monitoring this quality issue closely.



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