

THE GRAPE VINE



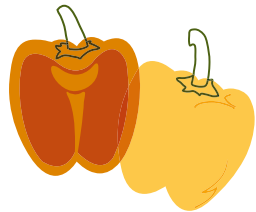
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Aubergine **ALERT** ⚠️

Spanish Aubergines have been in short supply, yet demand has remained strong. The quality is still good and holding well but we anticipate supply will become short as of next week. We are monitoring this issue closely to ensure supply is met and the situation is being reviewed frequently.



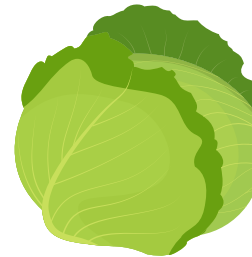
Yellow Peppers **ALERT** ⚠️

The Shelf-life on yellow peppers has been reduce due to the unusual weather at source. The peppers are also backward in colour with a slight green tinge being seen. In the mixed 3 colour pepper bag there is a concession to provide only red and green peppers.



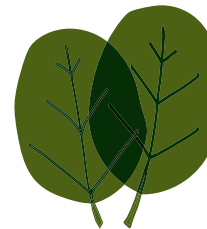
Red Chillies

Egyptian red chillies are showing a good bright colour and strong flavour with small amounts of shrivel seen. We expect to see the first arrivals of new season red Chillies from Morocco over the next couple of weeks.



Savoy Cabbage **ALERT** ⚠️

UK grown Savoy Cabbages have improved in quality and crops have bulked up, but yield is still impacted and larger weighted crops remain very rare. The weather is starting to cause disease concerns, especially as fields have been too wet to spray. A concession is in place to allow a minimum of 600g head weight to maintain supply. We will be reviewing concessions again on 25/1/19.



Spinach **ALERT** ⚠️

Overall availability on Spinach is very tight with quality being affected. Red quality spinach is being reported in Spain, with yellowing and spotting. Spinach from Portugal is holding its quality and we're seeing reduced volumes from Italy. We are working closely with our suppliers to find sources that will maintain supply.



Prepared Pineapple

Prepared Pineapple from Costa Rica is of good quality and excellent flavour.



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