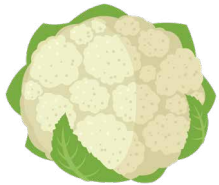


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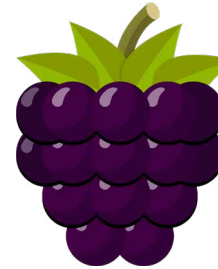
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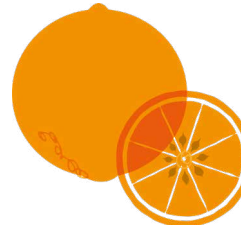
Cauliflower **ALERT** ⚠️

Recent severe frosts in the UK have caused some frost damage to the cauliflower crop, which is only visible once the product is taken out of chilled conditions. This damage is only cosmetic, not disease and not every head is affected. Supply has not been affected and we are carrying out additional quality checks at our depots.



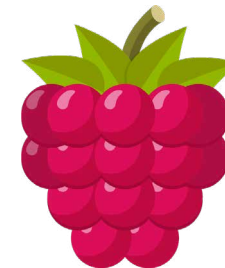
Blackberries **ALERT** ⚠️

Current unsettled conditions in Mexico and Guatemala have led to some issues with quality, specifically maroon drupelets bold berries with a small amount of red cell and mould being seen on intake. Suppliers are monitoring and checking for the defects at source and Fresh Direct depots are increasing checks.



Orange Easy Peelers **ALERT** ⚠️

Orange Easy Peelers from Morocco are seeing some minor skin and cosmetic defects and the size of the fruit is smaller than normal. Concessions are in place for 58-63mm until 17.02.19



Raspberries

Raspberries from Morocco, Spain and Portugal are showing a good berry size, but some fruits are quite dark in appearance due to the time of year and variety.



Wild Roquette **ALERT** ⚠️

For Italian supply the main issue is crop size, as we are currently harvesting smaller crop, some leaf damage is being seen from Spanish and Portuguese leaves. Supply is not affected and ongoing grading and reviews of the product are being carried out at source and in the Fresh Direct depots.



Pineapple Slice Fruit Bags

Sliced Pineapples from Costa Rica are of good quality and excellent flavour.



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