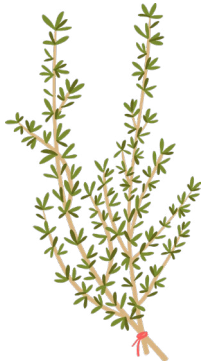


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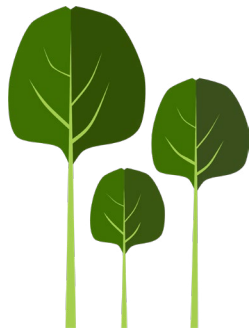
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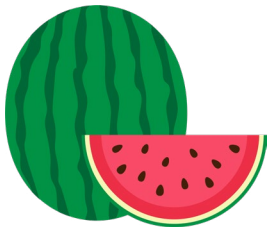
Thyme **ALERT** ⚠️

We are seeing some quality issues from our thyme supplier in Portugal. Temperatures at source are higher than normal for this time of year resulting in the crop maturing quicker. Customers may see buds and flowers on the crop. Our suppliers are monitoring the issue closely and we expect this to continue for the next two weeks.



Watercress **ALERT** ⚠️

Quality of watercress from the UK and Spain is poor due to some insect damage at source and discolouring. Supply is not affected and we are managing the quality of the produce as it arrives in our depots.



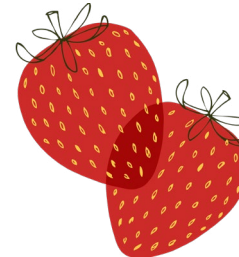
Watermelon

We're seeing good quality watermelons from Costa Rica and Panama as the season comes to close. We expect to see the new season Spanish crop arrive into our depots from next week.



Red Chillies **ALERT** ⚠️

We are currently experiencing a slowdown in production of red chillies from Spain, Morocco and Egypt, which is usual for this time of year. Although quality remains good, we are expecting to see an improvement and increase in volume over the next two weeks.



Strawberries **ALERT** ⚠️

Strawberries from Holland, Portugal and Spain are showing quality issues, with wet and dry bruising and some white shoulders. Quality is as expected for this time of year as the season comes to a close. We are preparing for the new UK crop which will be arriving in our depots by the third week of May.



Celery

We are now into Spanish spring crop of celery and while there is some limitation on availability the quality is very good, with nice colour and flavour.



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