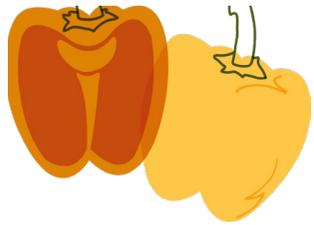


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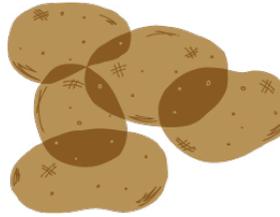
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Peppers **ALERT** ⚠️

There is limited availability on red and yellow peppers, due to seasonal challenges in Spain and Holland. The end of season spring crop is suffering from breakdown, rots and moulds, however, we are still 2 weeks away from the maturity needed on the new season Summer crop. A concession is in place for the tri-colour packs to allow orange instead of yellow, and a further concession has been implemented for yellow peppers to allow up to 25% colour blocking in order to maintain supply. The situation is due to last for 2-3 weeks and we recommend using green peppers as an alternative.



Prep Potatoes **ALERT** ⚠️

The UK season has known challenges all year due to growing conditions last year. We are now entering the last quarter of the stored product and the blackening seen in prepped potatoes is increasing, which is not always visible immediately as it develops over time. Our suppliers are cutting and cooking batches 24 hours before use, to review any signs of blackening and rejecting if evident. Our QC teams are carrying out further checks on deliveries as they arrive in our depots. Due to increased level of rejections, there can be occasions when supply is restricted, but we are working hard to prevent this.



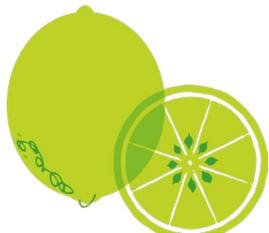
Pointed & Savoy Cabbage **ALERT** ⚠️

We're seeing availability issues with early season Spanish Pointed and Savoy Cabbage so they are supplying smaller cabbages. The UK crop has some pest damage so outer leaves are being removed again resulting in smaller size cabbages. Supply is not affect but we currently have a concession in place to allow smaller, lighter weight cabbages for another week.



Lettuce & Leaf **ALERT** ⚠️

The UK season is running slightly behind, and the end of season Spanish leaf is slowing down and not the quality we would want. Availability is tight but we are doing our best to manage the situation until we switch over to the UK season completely.



Limes

After a few challenging weeks with limes due adverse conditions in Brazil, the quality has improved dramatically and the colour is back to where it should be.



Grapes

After some recent quality issues with grapes, we have now changed the country of origin to Chile and are back to full size fruit and quality is good.



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