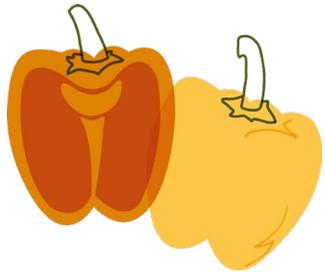


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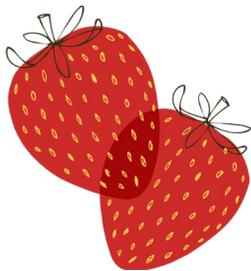
Peppers **ALERT** ⚠️

The gap in the seasons between Spain and the Netherlands is proving challenging due to the delay in the new season Dutch crop. Supply is still limited and concessions are in place on red peppers and 25% colour blocking on yellow peppers. This issue is likely to last for another 2 weeks, in the meantime we recommend using green peppers as an alternative.



Galia Melons **ALERT** ⚠️

We are now at the end of the Honduras melon season, and we are seeing that the fruits are smaller than expected with some evidence of mould. We are carrying out additional quality checks on the produce as it arrives in our depots. We will move over to new season Spanish melons in June.



Strawberries

The first UK strawberries started arriving in our depots this week. The fruit is showing good size, colour and gloss. Whilst the majority of supply will be British over the summer, we will be topping up from other sources to ensure we maintain quality and supply.



Broccoli **ALERT** ⚠️

As the Spanish broccoli season comes to an end, we're seeing issues with the quality of produce arriving in our depots. Supply is not affected, however produce may have a reduced shelf life due to some yellowing / browning. We are working with our suppliers to manage the quality, especially prepared broccoli, where temperature control is very important. New season UK crop is expected to start arriving early June.



Sweetcorn **ALERT** ⚠️

Due to high humidity levels at source, we're seeing some signs of mould developing in the product while en route to the UK from Morocco. We're carrying out additional quality checks as the produce arrives in our depots.



Sweet Potatoes

Sweet potatoes from Honduras are great size, good quality with clean skin.



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