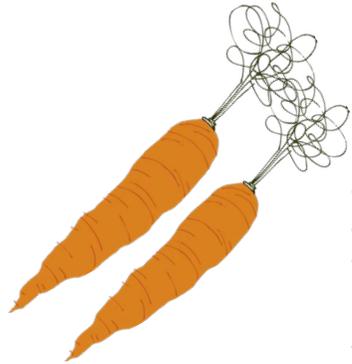


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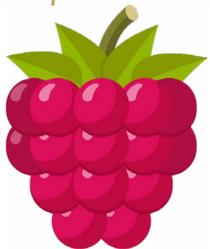
Carrots **ALERT** ⚠️

New season UK carrots are fresh out the ground and good in taste and quality. The outer surface is drying out quicker than usual which is a result of the warmer weather. This is particularly evident on prepared or peeled carrots as the dehydration is visible on the surface. Once the carrot is washed, any the white marks will disappear and quality is not affected. We expect this to last for the next 3 weeks as the new crop matures.



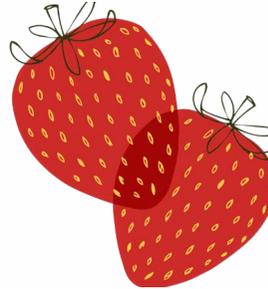
Fresh Herbs **ALERT** ⚠️

Due to the recent high humidity levels, fresh herbs have been unable to evaporate moisture in the leaves causing the cell structure in the leaf to implode, and the leaves are turning black as a result. Although unsightly, this does not affect shelf life or taste of the product..



Raspberries

UK raspberries are showing a good quality crop of nice sized and flavoured fruit. The overall great quality means they are a perfect addition to a summer pudding.



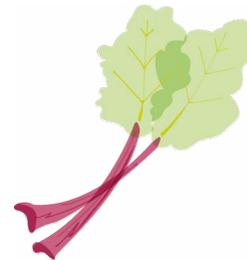
Strawberries **ALERT** ⚠️

Recent humidity in the UK and Holland is affecting strawberry quality as we're seeing an increase in bruising on the fruit. As temperatures are set to rise again this week we anticipate these issues to remain for the next week. We are carrying out additional checks at source and in the Fresh Direct depots before despatch.



Spring Greens **ALERT** ⚠️

Whilst availability is still being well managed following the impact of June's weather, there are some quality issues with leaf damage. We're carrying out additional check in depots to manage the quality to our customers.



Rhubarb

UK rhubarb is of really good flavour, colour, quality and availability. Rhubarb is a great British seasonal fruit and a classic summer pudding fruit option.



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