

THE GRAPE VINE



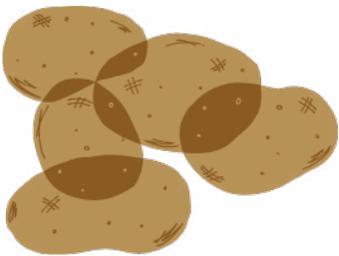
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Lettuce & Leaves **ALERT** ⚠️

Due to the extreme heat followed by the heavy rainfall last week we're currently seeing quality and supply challenges with all UK lettuce, leaves and prepped salad. Fields are flooded and leaves are damaged due to excess moisture in the leaves. We anticipate this issue to last for the next two weeks. We're carrying out extra checks at source and when the product arrives at our depots and will update you as the situation progresses.



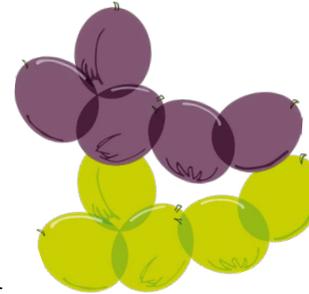
Prep Potatoes **ALERT** ⚠️

As we come to the end of the 2018/19 crop, we're seeing that some peeled potatoes are showing increased discolouration. Those harvested under extreme weather conditions last week are still struggling with a progressive developing defect. We're carrying out increased checks at our suppliers and depots, and trialling different varieties of new season crop that were harvested in better conditions.



Pineapples

Pineapples from Costa Rica are currently of great quality and flavour. Don't miss out, get them whilst they're good!



Grapes **ALERT** ⚠️

The Egyptian grape season is coming to an end and we're seeing some minor issues with the odd split berries which is progressive and can develop to mould, which is not always evident at despatch. Our suppliers are carrying out additional QC checks and we are currently moving over to the new Spanish crop which is of good quality. The new season crop can be paler in colour at the start of the season.



Conference Pears **ALERT** ⚠️

Dutch conference pears are coming to the end of season and there will be a gap in supply until new season starts in mid-August.



Aubergine

The overall volume available has dropped a little across Europe, however the quality, size and colour is good. Aubergines are a great meat free alternative!



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