

THE GRAPE VINE



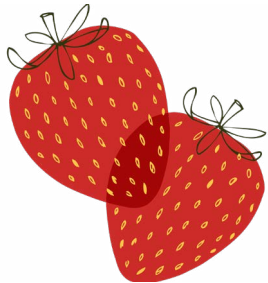
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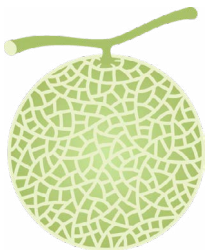
Cauliflower & Broccoli **ALERT** ⚠️

Ongoing issues from the last few weeks has left us with limited availability and poor quality on cauliflower and broccoli. Please speak to your Account Manager as they will keep you updated as the situation



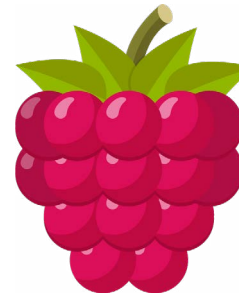
Strawberries **ALERT** ⚠️

High temperatures in the UK are contributing towards increased levels of bruising on strawberries. Quality is being further aggravated by a natural end of cropping. Alternative Dutch and Belgian fruit is not available due to even higher temperatures on the continent. We are carrying out additional checks in depot and at source. Our suppliers are moving around the country to find the least affected supply.



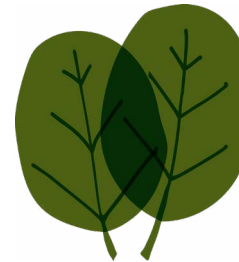
Galia and Cantaloupe Melons

As we move to the tail end of the Spanish Galia and Cantaloupe Melon season we are moving supply to the Northern region where temperatures are cooler. Quality and supply is good and the fruits are sweet and juicy.



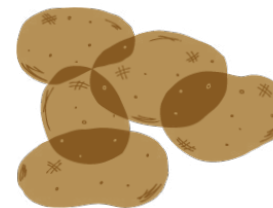
Raspberries **ALERT** ⚠️

The recent heat in the UK is having an impact on the quality of the fruit as the berries are softer than usual. We are working with our suppliers and carrying out additional checks. We advise a cool supply chain is maintained until the product is used.



Spinach **ALERT** ⚠️

The leaves are of varying sizes with tender and damaged leaves. Due to the weather conditions there is only 30%- 40% availability in the UK. We are using Italian and French crop to cover the short fall. The final product is wetter than normal it is also slightly more soiled as well.



Potatoes

We're now moving into new season UK supply of potatoes. Early indications are that this seasons crop is much better than last year.



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