

THE GRAPE VINE



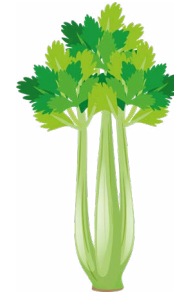
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March



Fresh Herbs **ALERT** ⚠️

We're seeing quality challenges with all fresh herbs coming from Europe, due to temperature issues at source. Temperature fluctuations and humidity issues are resulting in bolting, flowering, humidity and pest ingress. Our suppliers are carrying out additional QC checks before despatch.



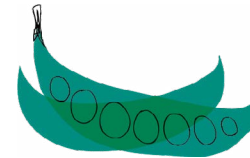
Celery **ALERT** ⚠️

The Spanish winter crop is now coming to the end of season. Some stocks are showing signs of slight hydration and dry leaves. We're also seeing reduced availability on larger weights. Additional quality checks are in place and new crops are due to start at the end of the month.



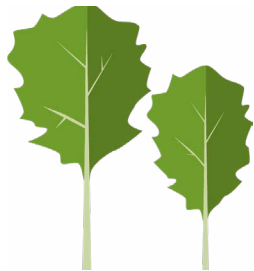
Iceberg & Cos **ALERT** ⚠️

The quality and weights of Spanish Iceberg and Cos lettuce are improving. We're seeing some isolated tips burns and damaged outside leaves may be evident, with some heads affected due to recent humidity. Growers are trimming back the heads in the field when harvesting to manage the quality of the crops.



Extra fine beans **ALERT** ⚠️

Flooding in Kenya is causing quality and availability challenges with extra fine beans. Light skin markings are present on the crop. Supply is not affected but we're seeing some delays in planting due to the recent floods.



Kale

UK grown Kale is of good quality, colour and availability. Get British product on your menus when is best in season.



Mango

Mango from Brazil and Peru are in good supply with only minor isolated quality issues, which are being managed at source.



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