

Market Report

June 2017



Quality Produce for Caterers



Produce Updates

The highlights...



Asparagus

Staffordshire asparagus now in stock, superb quality! It'll only be here until Midsummers Day, June 21st when the season officially ends!



Strawberries

Staffordshire strawberries in 300g punnets are now in stock! They're superb quality!



Heritage Tomatoes

Heritage & cherry heritage tomatoes are brilliant quality, & are sourced from the UK!



Lollo Biondi, Rosso & Oakleaf

We're now supplying excellent quality Cheshire lollo biondi, rosso, oakleaf & flat lettuce!

Vegetables - UK

PRODUCT	ORIGIN	COMMENTS	PRICE
Asparagus	UK-English	The English asparagus season is in full flow, proving very popular at the moment.	MED
Beetroot Red, Candy & Golden	UK-English	A firm favourite and it is still of superb quality. A great seasonal, hardy vegetable.	MED
Broccoli	UK-English	The first of the new season English broccoli has arrived and it's excellent!	MED
Cabbage Red/White	UK-English	We're now supplying cold stored varieties, resulting in a slight increase in price for red cabbage in particular.	LOW
Cabbage Savoy	UK-English	We've started with the new season English cabbage from our grower in Evesham.	MED
Cabbage Spring/ Summer	UK-English	Great quality spring & summer cabbage at the moment, is being picked up twice a week from our Southport growers.	LOW
Carrots	UK- English/Spanish/French	We've entered the last few weeks of the English season, we'll be moving over to Spanish & French for approximately 5-6 weeks.	MED
Cauliflower	UK-English/French	English cauliflower season has gone on longer than usual, still no problem meeting supply demands although there is a slight variation in cauliflower head size.	MED
Courgettes	UK-English/Italian	Last few weeks of Italian sourced produce, then will be moving over to English.	LOW
Curly Kale	UK-Lancashire/Evesham	Red & green curly kale is sourced from Southport & Evesham, quality is great.	LOW
Leeks	UK-English/Spanish	We are coming to the end of the English season, we'll be moving over to Spanish shortly.	LOW
Pak Choi	UK-Lancashire	Great quality pak choi from our Southport grower. Picked up daily from our grower in Southport, great quality!	MED
Parsnips	UK-English	We're moving into the last few weeks of the English season, will be replaced by new season Spanish. Please be aware that the Spanish variety will be quite a bit thinner & smaller in size than the English.	LOW
Potatoes	UK- Cheshire	At present we are using Markies for chips & roasts, and Wilja & Harmony varieties for everything else. Prices are a little high, we won't see any decrease until new crop potatoes come out in August - September.	HIGH
Potatoes Jackets	UK -Cheshire	Quality is still good, old season still available. We will keep you informed when we move over to the new season.	HIGH
Potatoes Mids	UK-English/French	We are now supplying a Maris Peer variety of mid potato. They are a great tasting, waxy potato.	MED

Vegetables

PRODUCT	ORIGIN	COMMENTS	PRICE
Aubergines	Dutch	Prices have dropped now the new season Dutch aubergines have started.	MED
Baby Vegetables	South African	Carrots, courgettes, fennel, beetroot, leeks, rainbow carrots & turnips all sensibly priced. Please check availability when placing your order.	MED
Celeriac	Dutch	Great in soups or stews. Can be roasted, boiled, mashed or raw in salad.	LOW
Chantenay Carrots	Spanish/Israeli	The English season has now finished for approximately 6-8 weeks, supply is now coming from Spain or Israel.	LOW
Fennel	Italian	We are now well into the Italian season, prices have stabilised.	MED
Fine Beans Top & Tailed	Kenyan	Excellent quality and one of our best sellers. Available in boxes of 4 x 500g (best value) or 10 x 150g. Due to the weather condition in Kenya supplies may vary.	MED
Mange Tout	Kenyan	Prices have risen due to Guatemalan season finishing.	HIGH
Medium Onions	Dutch	We are now supplying a Dutch variety of medium onion.	MED
Onions Large	Spanish /Chilean	Old season Spanish now finished, we have Chilean available which will still have the set skin. Will soon be moving over to new season Spanish. Please be aware that these will have a very thin skin, resulting in a short shelf life, so please plan your orders. The skins will become more set as we progress into the month.	MED
Onions Red	Egyptian	Although there is still Dutch available, we've decided to move over to Egyptian red onions instead.	MED
Round & Banana Shallots	French	Quality has settled as we are well into the French season, sensibly priced at present.	MED
Sugar Snaps	Kenyan	Prices have risen due to Guatemalan season finishing.	HIGH
Tenderstem Broccoli	Kenyan	A more affordable option to purple sprouting, which is not available for approximately a month, no quality concerns and supply is good at present.	MED

Fruit - UK

PRODUCT	ORIGIN	COMMENTS	PRICE
Blackberries	UK-English/Mexican	We are still currently supplying Mexican, as the month progresses we will be moving to English.	MED
Bramley Apples	UK	Bramley apples are still being sourced from the UK, but the season is drawing to a close & prices will then rise	LOW
Raspberries	UK-English/Spanish/ Portuguese	Excellent Spanish at the moment, UK varieties should be readily available by the end of the month.	MED
Rhubarb	UK	We are supplying Cheshire outdoor rhubarb, grown by our exotic lettuce grower, Roy Halman, at Woodland Farm in Holmes Chapel. Superb quality.	MED
Strawberries	UK-Staffordshire	We have now moved over to new English season 300g punnets, sourced mainly from Staffordshire.	MED



Fruit

PRODUCT	ORIGIN	COMMENTS	PRICE
Avocado	Israeli/Kenyan	Very popular at the moment, we are stocking Hass avocado- excellent quality. Ask for ripe and ready to eat avocados.	MED
Bananas	Costa Rican	Consistently good quality! We find the yellow curved variety to be the most popular!	MED
Blueberries	Spanish/Portuguese/Chilean	A forgotten hero! Super versatile berry that is classed as a superfood, quality superb.	MED
Conference Pears	Belgium	We now have Belgium pears in stock, quality is superb.	MED
Easy Peelers	Peruvian	Our easy peelers are a variety of Satsuma. They are eating really well at the moment.	MED
Eating Apples	French/Southern Hemisphere	A lot of French Eating apples are coming to the end of their season, will be replaced by southern hemisphere fruit. There'll be a price increase at the beginning of the season, mainly due to air freight costs.	MED
Figs	Mexican/Brazilian	We're stocking a Mexican variety which tend to be of a smaller variety. We're also stocking figs in handy packs of 5's.	MED
Grapes Green	Indian/Egyptian/Israeli	Last few weeks of Indian grapes, will be replaced by varieties from Egypt & Israel.	MED
Grapes Red	Chilean/Egyptian/Israeli	Last few weeks of Chilean season, will be replaced by varieties from Egypt & Israel.	MED
Lemons	Spanish	The Verna variety of lemon is now being supplied. Prices have risen due to limited stock, usual for the time of year.	MED
Limes	Mexican	As the Mexican season starts, prices have eased.	MED
Mango	Kenyan	Prices have now eased! Excellent ready to eat available.	MED
Melon	Spanish	All varieties of melon are now sourced from Spain. Prices will drop as the season gets going.	MED
Oranges	Moroccan	We are now supplying Moroccan oranges, in varieties of laying lates & valencia.	MED
Peaches/Nectarines	Spanish	New season peaches & nectarines available. Prices have eased.	MED
Pineapples	Costa Rican	We are supplying the extra sweet variety, we've had no problems keeping up with the demand.	MED
Redcurrants	Chilean/Dutch	We are currently using Chilean, the Dutch season should be in full swing by the end of the month.	HIGH

Salad - UK

PRODUCT	ORIGIN	COMMENTS	PRICE
Bryans Salad Leafy	UK- Lancashire	Leafy available in both 110g & 500g. Bryans Salads are all packed and grown within a one mile radius of the Lancashire suppliers site.	MED
Celery	UK-English	We have started with our new English season celery from Evesham. Excellent quality.	MED
Cos/Romaine/Little Gem/Iceberg	UK-English	We are now into the English season for all these varieties, superb quality.	MED
Flat Lettuce	UK-Cheshire	Still good quality English Lettuce, although supply may be quite light at the moment. Grown in Cheshire by Roy Halman.	MED
Lambs Lettuce	UK- Evesham	Good quality with a distinctive tangy flavour. Great alternative to watercress.	MED
Lollo Biondi/Lollo Rosso/Oakleaf	UK - Cheshire	We are supplying superb quality Cheshire grown leaf sourced from our local supplier Roy Halman.	MED
Tomato Heritage	UK-English	A very popular product! We will be sourcing from our Cheshire supply by July.	MED
Watercress	UK- Lancashire	Excellent quality, sold in punnets or bags. These are currently being supplied by our Southport grower Duerdon Brothers.	LOW



Salads

PRODUCT	ORIGIN	COMMENTS	PRICE
Baby Leaf	Italian	The weather in Italy has improved so quality is not a problem and prices have eased.	MED
Chilli Red & Green	Spanish	We are presently supplying Spanish new season red & green chilli's.	MED
Cucumber	Dutch	New season Dutch cucumbers are now in, no quality issues, prices are easing.	LOW
Peppers Green/Red/ Yellow	Dutch	We are currently supplying excellent class 1 Dutch peppers in all colours. Prices are still buoyant & quality is great.	MED
Plum Tomato	Dutch	New season, quality is superb, prices easing.	MED
Radish	Dutch	Very popular with an inviting hot but sweet taste, no quality concerns.	MED
Rocket	Italian	A great fresh peppery taste! Available in 100g & 500g. The Italian weather has improve, which in turn should improve shelf life. Any problems please do not hesitate to contact us.	MED
Tomato Cherry Vine	Dutch	Excellent quality at the moment, the Dutch season is in full swing.	MED
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Mushrooms

PRODUCT	ORIGIN	COMMENTS	PRICE
Baby Button Mushroom	Irish/Dutch/Polish	Good quality. Please specify baby when placing your order.	MED
Chestnut Mushroom	Irish/Polish	A good alternative to regular mushrooms, becoming more popular.	MED
Cup Mushroom	Irish/Dutch/Polish	Fresh deliveries every day. Class 2 available at a lower price, contact us for details.	MED
Exotic Mushroom	UK - Evesham	We have daily deliveries from our Evesham supplier. Excellent mix with 6 different types of mushroom, hugely popular, superb quality.	MED
Flat Mushroom	Irish/Polish	Large and medium available and now graded. Both stuffed or fried taste amazing.	MED
Oyster Mushroom	UK - Lancashire	Superb quality, available in 1.5kg punnets.	MED
Portobello Mushroom	Irish/Polish	Great quality and now graded for consistency in size, these are becoming more and more popular.	MED







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