

# Market Report

November 2017

Quality Produce for Caterers



# Produce Update

## New Season News



### Sprouts

New season Sprouts now in!  
Superb quality, perfect for your  
Winter menus!

### Rainbow Chantenay Carrots

New season English Rainbow  
Chantenay Carrots are now in! Perfect  
for brightening up your Autumn &  
Winter menus!



### Piccolo Parsnips

Excellent quality new season  
English Piccolo Parsnips are now  
in!



## End of Season News



### Rhubarb

The English season has ended, so we're  
now supplying Dutch Rhubarb. Prices  
should ease as the season progresses.

### Blackberries

The English season has now ended,  
we're now supplying South American &  
Dutch varieties. Prices should ease as  
their seasons progress.



### Mange Tout & Sugar Snaps

The Kenyan season for Mange Tout &  
Sugar Snaps is coming to an end. There  
will be short supply until the Guatemalan  
season starts.



# Vegetables - UK

PRODUCT	ORIGIN	COMMENTS	PRICE
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/Spanish	From the second week of November we will have moved completely over to new season Spanish. Please note box size is 6kg, opposed to 4.5kg during the English season - please be aware when ordering.	MED
Cabbage Red/White	UK-English	Now into the new season crop of red & white cabbage, prices will begin to fall, particularly for red cabbage.	MED
Cabbage Savoy	UK-English	We're into the second cutting of new season English cabbage. This means you will now be getting a darker cabbage rather than the lighter cabbage seen at the beginning of the season.	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.	MED
Carrots	UK- English	We're now well into the English season. No concerns in quality.	MED
Cauliflower	UK-English	English cauliflower is now in full flow. Excellent quality.	MED
Chantenay Carrots	UK-English	We're now supplying English chantenay carrots, which are back to their normal bite size variety. We're now also supplying new season Rainbow Chantenay Carrots.	MED
Curly Kale	UK-Local	We're picking up red & green curly kale locally from Cuttleford Farm, quality is great.	MED
Leeks	UK-English	English leeks are now available, brilliant quality.	MED
Onions, Red	UK-English/Spanish	We're now mostly using English new season red onions, with Spanish occasionally being used as a substitute.	MED
Pak Choi	UK-Lancashire	Great quality pak choi from our Southport grower.	MED
Parsnips	UK-English	We're now supplying English parsnips. Always popular in Autumn.	LOW
Parsnips, Piccolo	UK-English	New season English Piccolo Parsnips are now available.	MED
Potatoes	UK- Cheshire	We're primarily supplying Wilja varieties, with occasional Maris Pipers. Our prepared potato varieties are Arcade, Deva & Markies (Chipping). There is no problem with shelf life, as most potatoes will be in store now.	MED
Potatoes Jackets	UK -Cheshire	We're using new season potatoes with a set skin. Excellent quality.	MED
Potatoes Mids	UK-English	We are now using an English Maris Peer variety sourced from Norfolk.	MED
Sprouts	UK-English	We have new season English Sprouts in stock! Superb quality, great for Autumn & Winter Menus!	LOW

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Asparagus	Peruvian	We're now progressing into the main Peruvian season, no problems with availability.	MED
Aubergines	Spanish	We're now using new season Spanish varieties.	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.	MED
Courgettes	Spanish	We're well into the Spanish season so prices have started to ease.	MED
Fennel	Italian	We are now well into the Italian season, quality excellent, prices stable.	MED
Fine Beans Top & Tailed	Kenyan/Zimbabwean	Excellent quality and one of our best sellers. Available in boxes of 4 x 500g (best value) or 10 x 150g. There may be a gap in the Kenyan supply, in which case we'll be using varieties from Zimbabwe.	MED
Mange Tout	Kenyan/Guatemalan	Kenyan season is coming to an end, there could be a slight of 2-3 weeks so supplies will be short until the Guatemalan season starts.	HIGH
Medium Onions	Dutch/English	We are now primarily supplying a Dutch variety of medium onion, although English is available occasionally. Skins should now be a better finish.	MED
Onions Large	Spanish	Onions should now have a set skin. Please store in a cool, dark & dry environment.	MED
Round & Banana Shallots	French	Quality has settled as we are well into the French season, sensibly priced at present.	MED
Sugar Snaps	Kenyan/Guatemalan	The Kenyan season will soon come to an end, supplies will be short for 2-3 weeks as there is a slight gap before the Guatemalan season starts.	HIGH
Tenderstem Broccoli	Kenyan	No quality or supply concerns. The short English season has now ended.	MED

# Fruit - UK

PRODUCT	ORIGIN	COMMENTS	PRICE
Bramley Apples	UK-Kent	We're now well into the English Bramley season.	MED
Raspberries	UK-Staffordshire/Portuguese/ Spanish	The English Raspberry season will finish shortly, we will then be using Portuguese & Spanish varieties.	MED
Strawberries	UK-Staffordshire/Dutch/ Belgian	The English Strawberry season will soon end, it will be replaced by a 500g Dutch or Belgian variety. Please note the pack size difference when ordering.	MED



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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
Blackberries	South American/Dutch	The English season is now sadly over, replaced by the South American & Dutch seasons. You may have noticed the price increase, this will ease as the seasons progress.	HIGH
Blueberries	Polish/South American	Polish varieties are now available, we will move over to South American varieties later in the month.	MED
Conference Pears	Belgium	Belgian Conference Pears have now arrived, excellent quality.	MED
Easy Peelers	Spanish	We're well into the Spanish season now, their appearance will have changed to bright orange rather than pale green of early season varieties.	MED
Eating Apples	French	Most varieties of apples are now being sourced from France, with Bramley Apples as one of the exceptions.	MED
Figs	Turkish	We're stocking new season Turkish figs. Very reasonable priced & excellent quality. Also available in a handy prepack!	MED
Grapes Green/Red	Brazilian	November - December is a commonly tough time for grape supply. We're now into the short Brazilian season and will soon be moving on to South African varieties. Prices will be quite high in comparison to the Spanish & Greek season.	HIGH
Lemons	Spanish	We're currently supplying new season Spanish Lemons, Prima Flora varieties will be replaced by a Verna variety as move through the season, which tends to have a longer shelf life.	MED
Limes	Mexican/Brazilian	Prices should have eased as availability steadily improves.	MED
Mango	Kenyan	Excellent ready to eat available.	MED
Melon	Brazilian/South American	Most melons coming from Brazil at present - no quality concerns.	MED
Oranges	Spanish	We have moved over to Spanish season Oranges. Varieties may alternate between Valencia, Lane Late & Midnights.	MED
Pineapples	Costa Rican	We are supplying the extra sweet variety, we've had no problems keeping up with the demand.	MED
Redcurrants	Dutch	Dutch season is now in full flow.	MED
Rhubarb	Dutch	English Rhubarb has now finished, we're now supplying Dutch. At the beginning this will be quite expensive, but prices should ease as we progress into the season. Dutch Rhubarb differs in colour and size to English, as it's a thinner stick with a bright pink colour, as opposed to the red colour of English Rhubarb.	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
Cos/Romaine/Little Gem/Iceberg	UK-Cheshire/Lancashire/ French/Spanish	We're in the last few weeks of local Cos lettuce supply however we have now finished supplying English Iceberg. Instead we are using new season Spanish.	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
Lollo Biondi/Lollo Rosso/Oakleaf	UK - Cheshire/French/ Spanish	Sometime during November our Cheshire grower will be finishing, and we'll move over to French & Spanish varieties.	MED
Tomato Heritage	UK-English/French	A very popular product! The Cheshire season has now finished, only Evesham & French varieties available.	MED
Watercress	UK- Lancashire	Excellent quality, sold in punnets or bags. These are currently being supplied by our Southport grower Duerdon Brothers.	MED



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Baby Leaf	Italian	The weather in Italy has improved so quality is not a problem and prices have eased.	MED
Celery	Spanish	We're now using new season Spanish, size & quality will improve as the month goes on.	MED
Chilli Red & Green	Dutch/Spanish	We are presently supplying Dutch red & green chilli's.	MED
Cucumber	Dutch/Spanish	We will soon be changing over from Dutch to new season Spanish varieties.	MED
Lambs Lettuce	Spanish/Italian	Good quality with a distinctive tangy flavour. Great alternative to watercress. We're now using Spanish & Italian varieties.	MED
Peppers Green/Red/Orange/Yellow	Dutch/Spanish	We are currently supplying excellent class 1 Dutch peppers in all colours. Prices are still buoyant & quality is great. We will be moving over to new season Spanish by the middle of November.	MED
Plum Tomato	Dutch/Spanish	New season, quality is superb, prices easing. We're now entering the last weeks of the Dutch season, we will then change mid November to Spanish produce.	MED
Radish	Dutch	Very popular with an inviting hot but sweet taste, no quality concerns. Our breakfast radish has increased in demand this year!	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/Spanish	Excellent quality at the moment, the Dutch season is in full swing. We will move over to Spanish produce when the Dutch season ends - usually mid November.	MED
Tomato Vine	Dutch/Spanish	Excellent quality at the moment, we will be moving to Spanish varieties in mid November.	MED

# 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	Great quality, taste amazing whether stuffed or fried!	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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