

Market Report

April 2018

Quality Produce for Caterers



Produce Update

April Highlights

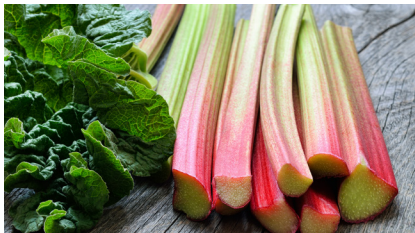


Heritage Tomatoes

UK Heritage Tomatoes are now in stock! Available in a 3kg box, superb quality.

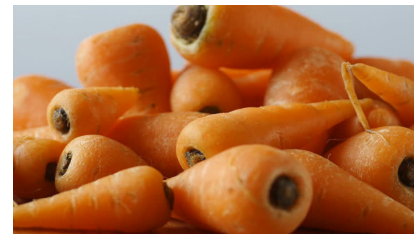
Spring Cabbage

New season Spring Cabbage now available! Brilliant quality!



Cheshire Rhubarb

Locally sourced Rhubarb is now available in 6kg boxes, or by kilo!



Not in Season

Chantenay Carrots

Towards the end of April the UK season will end. We will then switch to Israeli varieties for a few weeks until the UK season starts again.

Cavolo Nero

UK season for Cavolo Nero has now finished for a couple of months, but Italian is available.



Savoy Cabbage

We will be moving from UK varieties to French & Italian for around 6 - 8 weeks.

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
Cabbage Red/White	UK-English	Supply is still ok, during April we will switch to cold stored produce so an increase in price is expected.	MED
Cabbage Savoy	UK-English/French/Italian	We're late in the English season now, we will move over to French & Italian varieties when needed.	MED
Cabbage Tundra	UK-English	We are supplying Tundra Cabbage.	MED
Carrots	UK- English	We're now well into the English season. No concerns in quality.	MED
Cauliflower	UK-English/French	We're now into the Winter cauliflower season, supply is ok currently. Please be aware that severe weather conditions may effect availability, so we may occasionally have to source French instead as a substitute.	MED
Chantenay Carrots	UK-English/Israeli	Towards the end of April we will have to switch to new season Israeli. This should only be for a few weeks until the English season starts again.	MED
Curly Kale	UK-Southport	Our local supplier has finished for a short period, so we will be sourcing from other growers in Southport.	MED
Leeks	UK-English	English leeks are now available, brilliant quality.	MED
Pak Choi	UK-Lancashire	Great quality pak choi from our Southport grower.	MED
Parsnips	UK-English	We're now supplying parsnips from a local grower in Lichfield.	LOW
Parsnips, Piccolo	UK-English	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 & Sagitta (Chipping). No current issues with shelf life, however as the month progresses any warm spells may cause shelf life to suffer. We advise that you keep stocks tight during this period.	LOW
Potatoes Jackets	UK -Cheshire	We're using potatoes with a set skin. Excellent quality.	MED
Potatoes Mids	UK-English/French	We are now using an English Maris Peer variety sourced from Norfolk. We will also be using various French varieties when English isn't available.	LOW

Vegetables

PRODUCT	ORIGIN	COMMENTS	PRICE
Asparagus	Peruvian/Mexican	We're now progressing into the main Peruvian season, no problems with availability.	MED
Aubergines	Spanish/Dutch	We're now using Spanish varieties, quality and supply both great! If we encounter any issues we will substitute with Dutch varieties.	MED
Baby Vegetables	South African	Carrots, courgettes, fennel, beetroot, leeks, rainbow carrots & turnips all sensibly priced.	MED
Broccoli	Spanish	We're now using 6kg Spanish Broccoli, great quality, supply is consistent.	MED
Celeriac	Dutch	Great in soups or stews. Can be roasted, boiled, mashed or raw in salad.	MED
Courgettes	Spanish/Moroccan	We're currently sourcing our courgettes directly from Spain. We're well into the season so prices are easing.	MED
Fennel	Italian	We are now well into the Italian season, quality excellent, prices stable.	MED
Fine Beans Top & Tailed	Kenyan/Zimbabwean/Egyptian	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. There will also be Egyptian varieties available for a short time, so we will use these when needed.	MED
Mange Tout	Guatemalan	Supply is ok now as we progress into the Guatemalan season.	HIGH
Medium Onions	Dutch	We are now supplying a Dutch variety of medium onion.	MED
Onions Large	Spanish	The main Spanish season will end by mid April so we will then be supplying cold stored Spanish, and, if necessary, Chilean. This will only be a few weeks as we wait for the new season Spanish to appear.	HIGH
Onions Red	Dutch	We are now supplying Dutch varieties of red onions.	MED
Round & Banana Shallots	French	Quality has settled as we are well into the French season, sensibly priced at present.	MED
Sugar Snaps	Guatemalan	Availability is reasonable as we progress into the Guatemalan season.	HIGH

Fruit - UK

PRODUCT	ORIGIN	COMMENTS	PRICE
Bramley Apples	UK-Kent	We're now well into the English Bramley season.	MED
Rhubarb	UK-Local	We are now supplying locally grown Rhubarb, sourced from Woodland Farm. Superb quality!	HIGH



Fruit

PRODUCT	ORIGIN	COMMENTS	PRICE
Avocado	Peruvian	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!	MED
Blackberries	Dutch	We are now mainly using Dutch varieties of Blackberries.	HIGH
Blueberries	Spanish	Spanish varieties are now available. Quality superb.	MED
Conference Pears	Belgium	Belgian Conference Pears have now arrived, excellent quality.	MED
Easy Peelers	Spanish/Moroccan	We're well into the Spanish season now, all of our Easy Peelers are now Nadorcotts.	MED
Figs	Brazilian	Very reasonably priced & excellent quality. Also available in a handy prepack!	MED
Grapes Green/Red	South African/Peruvian	We're currently supplying great quality South African grapes.	HIGH
Lemons	Spanish	We're currently supplying new season Spanish Lemons, Prima Flora varieties will be replaced by a Verna variety as we move through the season.	MED
Limes	Brazilian	Prices have now eased as supply has improved.	MED
Mango	Kenyan	Excellent ready to eat available.	MED
Melon	Brazilian	Most melons coming from Brazil at present - no quality concerns.	MED
Oranges	Spanish/Moroccan/Egyptian	We have now moved over to Spanish Oranges. Our variety of large oranges are currently Navels.	MED
Pineapples	Costa Rican	We are supplying the extra sweet variety, we've had no problems keeping up with the demand.	MED
Raspberries	Spanish	We're now supplying Spanish varieties of Raspberries.	MED
Redcurrants	Chilean	The Chilean season is now in full flow.	MED
Strawberries	Spanish/Dutch/Belgian	We're now well into the Spanish strawberry season. As the month progresses we may change over to Dutch or Belgian varieties which will be in 500g punnets.	MED

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
Flat Lettuce	UK-Cheshire	Still good quality English Lettuce, supply has increased. Grown in Cheshire by Roy Halman	MED
Tomatoes Heritage	UK-Cheshire	We're now supplying UK Heritage Tomatoes, superb quality.	MED
Watercress	UK- Lancashire	Excellent quality, sold in punnets or bags. These are currently being supplied by our Southport grower Duerdon Brothers.	MED



Salads

PRODUCT	ORIGIN	COMMENTS	PRICE
Baby Leaf	Italian	Quality is great, prices have eased.	MED
Celery	Spanish	We're now using Spanish, size & quality has now improved.	MED
Chilli Red & Green	Dutch/Spanish	Dutch red & green chilli's now available, no quality issues.	MED
Cos/Romaine/Little Gem/Iceberg	Spanish	We are currently supplying Spanish varieties of Cos, Romaine, Little Gem & Iceberg.	MED
Cucumber	Dutch	We're supplying new season Dutch cucumbers, please be aware that these will be a naked cucumber. We're not anticipating any quality issues.	MED
Lambs Lettuce	Spanish/Italian	Good quality with a distinctive tangy flavour. Great alternative to watercress. We're now using Spanish & Italian varieties.	MED
Lollo Biondi/Lollo Rosso/Oakleaf	French/Spanish	We're now using French & Spanish varieties, sensibly priced. Our leaf is delivered three times a week from our supplier in Covent Garden.	MED
Peppers Green/Red/Orange/Yellow	Dutch	We are currently supplying excellent class 1 new season Dutch peppers in all colours. Prices are still buoyant & quality is excellent.	MED
Plum Tomato	Spanish	6kg Spanish loose plum tomatoes are now available, great quality.	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. Shelf life has improved.	MED
Tomato Cherry Vine	Spanish/Dutch	Excellent quality at the moment, growing in popularity. If we experience any issues we will move over to Dutch varieties.	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	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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