

Crop Report

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Category	Product	Variety	Origin	Status	Highlighted Concerns/Updates Reynolds more than just a greengrocer	
	Tomatoes (round)	Mediax, Pitenza	Morocco, Spain	Amber	Steady volume but a lot of mixed quality as most crops are entering their last cycle, and quality is now suffering. Do not expect any change for the time being other than becoming more challenging as we head towards the overlapping period at the end of the month.	
	Tomatoes (beef)	Venecia, Maximo	Belgium, Morocco, Netherlands, Spain	Amber	Limited volume continues, challenging quality and sizes. Overlapping period towards the end of this month.	
	Tomatoes (plum)	Caniles	Morocco, Spain	Amber	Volumes dropping from all winter sources and the quality is becoming rather mixed. Anticipate volumes to keep decreasing from now to the end until on the month until the Dutch production commences at some point next month.	
Glasshouse	Tomatoes (vine)	Barbarela	Morocco, Spain	Amber	Volume easing back and the quality too has deteriorated slightly though still holding reasonably well. Large fruit limited.	
	Cherry Vine		Morocco, Spain	Green	Decent volume available.	
	Cherry	Genio	Egypt, Morocco, Senegal, Spain	Green	Good availability. Yields easing back slightly.	
	Heritage / INCA	Various	Spain	Green	A little bit more challenging for some of the varieties, though the current availability and quality is steady.	
	Baby Plum (mixed)	Orange & Red	Morocco	Green	Good quality.	
	Marzanino	San Marzanino	Spain	Green	Subject to availability.	

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	Peppers (Bell)	Eglan <mark>tine</mark> , S <mark>aitam</mark> a	Spain	Amber	The unusual warm winter has now taken it tolls on most crops. Production is dropping not just in terms of volume but also quality. Higher percentage of class 2 while class 1 is also now almost non-existent. Growers are now extremely vigilant and whilst quality coming through is just ok for the time of the year, the situation will become more difficult as the month goes on. A few early pickings taking place in Holland but volumes very limited.
	Peppers	Sweet Pointed	Morocco, Spain	Green	Steady volume available and quality remains good from both Spain and Morocco.
	Cucumber	Proloog mainly	Morocco, Netherlands, Spain, UK	Amber	Steady volume available. A lot of the old crops are being pulled out and some of the new spring crops are only just starting. However, anything left from the old crops, quality is mixed, i.e. weaker fruit / shorter shelf life. Morocco's production is rapidly coming to an end. Dutch and UK production is slowly increasing every week.
1	Chillies Green Bullet	Fresno	Kenya	Green	
Glasshouse	Sweet Pointed Peppers		Morocco, Spain	Green	Stable supply, good quality, isolated green tinge.
	Chillies Red Bullet	Fresno	Kenya	Amber	Virus issues reducing volume though enough to cover current orders.
	Chillies Green Birds Eye	Demon	Kenya	Green	
700	Chilli	Jalapeno	Morocco, Portugal, Spain	Amber	Lower availability. Overall quality is good but at this time of the year see a break in colour rather quickly if yet coming from older crops.
1	Chilli	Padron	Morocco, Spain	Amber	Lower volumes. Overall quality is good but at this time of the year see a break in colour rather quickly if yet coming from older crops.
	Aubergine		Belgium, Kenya, Netherlands, Spain	Green	Good volume cross all sizes. Dutch & Belgium production beginning.
	Courgette	Tosc, Lagoda	Spain	(_z reen	Volume easing back with the cooler weather conditions though enough to meet supply. Overall quality is good.

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4	Iceberg	1	Spain	Green	Overall production has been improving. Quality remains good.
	Little Gem		Spain	Amber	Overall production has been improving. Quality more challenging on the little gem and has suffered tip burn and dry outside leaves leading to shorter shelf life.
	Romaine	Magistral, Keope, Actina	Spain	Green	Overall production has been improving. Quality remains good.
12-5	Batavia		France, Spain	Green	Overall quality is still decent but becoming more difficult.
Lettuce &	Oakleaf	Macia	Spain	Green	As above.
Leaves	Lollo Biondi	Libeccio	Spain	Green	As above.
	Lollo Rosso	1 A	Spain	Green	As above.
	Fine Endive	Fina	Spain	Green	As above.
	Radicchio	Rubero	Italy	Green	
200	Round	Various	UK	Green	
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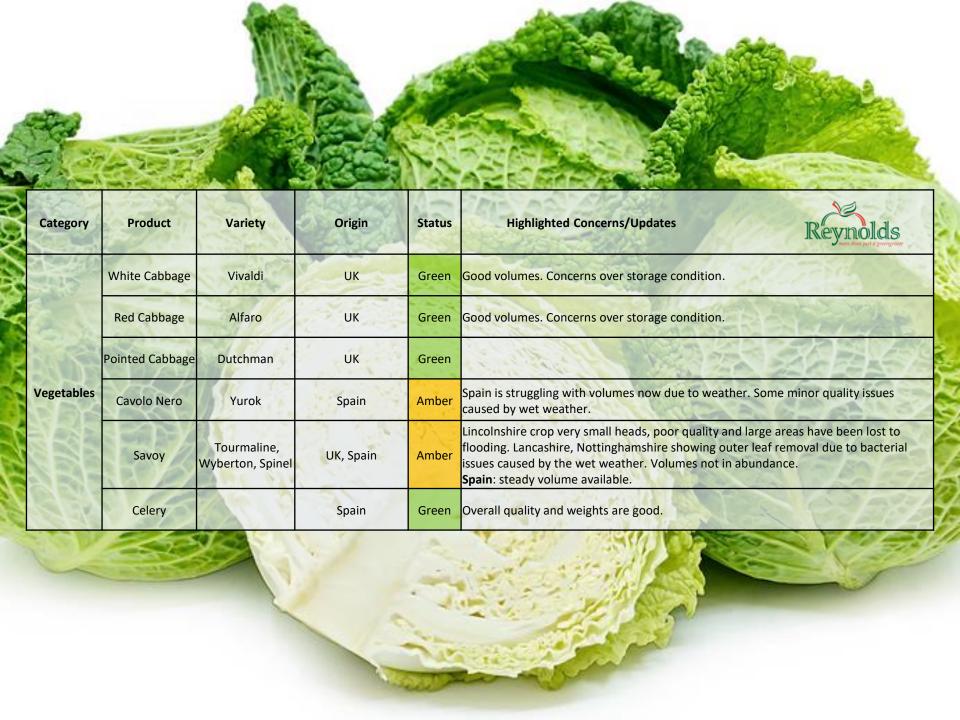
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	Pak Choi		Spain	Green	
	Chinese Leaf		Netherlands	Green	199
	Baby Leaf Green Kale		Italy	Green	
	Bulls Blood		Italy	Amber	Medium risk for Cercospora (small red or brown-black flecks with reddish borders expand to circular spots with ashy grey centres).
1	Red Chard	Firefresh, Abi, Galaxy, Venus	Italy	Amber	Medium risk for Cercospora (small red or brown-black flecks with reddish borders expand to circular spots with ashy grey centres).
Lettuce & Leaves	Mizuna		Italy	Green	A COMPANY AND LOCAL
SAVISA	Watercress	P.	Spain	Green	
57 P/B	Spinach	Helios, El Halo, El Fiurio, 1714,	Italy	Amber	Dry/windy weather is influencing the crop. There are no extras and has a high % of mixed leaf and leaf spotting due to the winds and rain.
200	Rocket Wild	Sele, Juno, Yuma, Rubicon	Italy	Amber	Black spotting (bacterial leaf spot) observed on some of the leaves and isolated minor yellowing. Possible reduction in availability due to the drop in temperatures.
3 6	Rocket		Italy	Amber	Quality is being affected by rain, small % of large leaf.
	Corn Salad	7	Italy, France	Amber	Low availability.

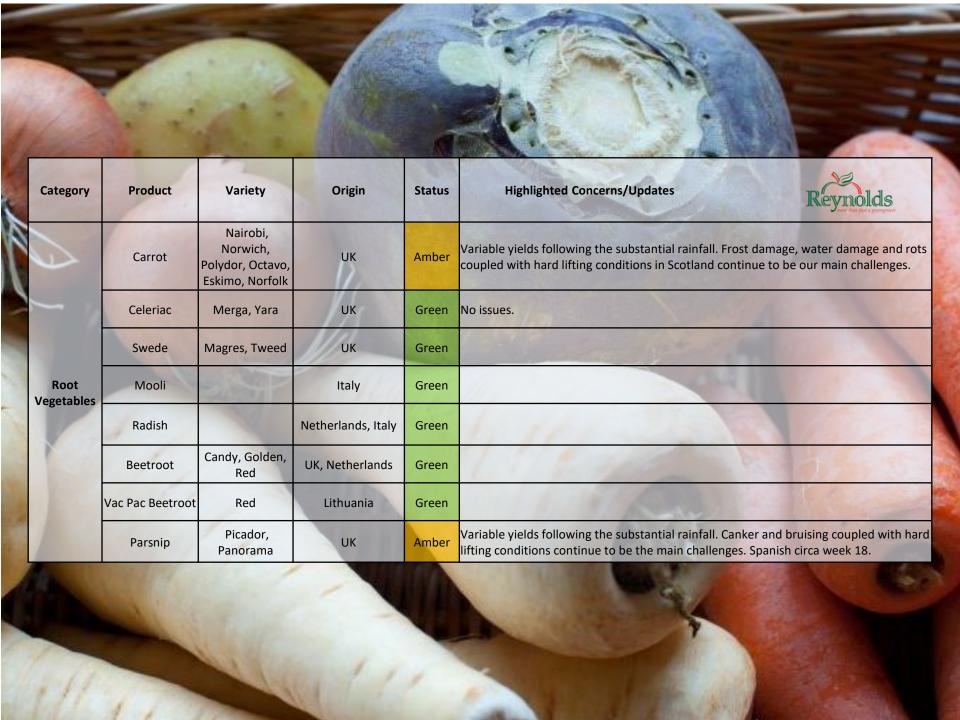
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	Mids.	Nectar, Orchestra, Melody, Divaa, Cultra.	UK	Red	Very little change, only more press coverage that the UK could run out of potatoes at the end of the season. Finding supplies remains hard, specifically Mids. Some growers keeping Mids as seed very short for planting next season. Spot market for a lot of maincrop for the best material still upwards of £500 pt ex farm. A lot packers looking at imports, and some have already had several loads of Egyptian Saphyria. Mids. availability particularly scarce as lowered sizing by the retail trade has swallowed up most of the 40-45mm Mids. This will not improve until July-August.
	Bakers	Nectar, Lanorma, Alison, Orchestra, Melody, Jelly, Cutra, Divaa	UK	Amber	As above
1	Chippers / Roasters	Maris Piper, Markies, Sagitta, Tyson	UK	Amber	Piper showing flecks of scab and internal bruising.
Potatoes	Reds	Desriee, Mozart	UK	Green	
	Ware, Mashers	Various	UK	Amber	Still concern that there is not enough potatoes in Europe to match consumption. Plus, consumption has generally improved as whole head potatoes are still good consumer value, and until recently have not got overly expensive at retail levels. However, over the last month that has changed, and some retail prices have increased, plus retailers are lowering pack sizes to make the crop last. Making the crop last may well be exasperated by continuing waterlogged fields holding back planting of the early season new season material. The UK is now seeing a certain number of imports arriving to supplement likely supply gaps. Of course this is making non contracted material even more expensive farm values. With stronger demand from recent seasons, packers have been trying to build stocks for the next few months. Plans for next season are well under way which looks like being another short season as available land and seed is making the market nervous. Current spot market values likely to remain very high, increasing further, particularly for May, June and early July, hence demand for imports at fixed costs for this period.

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	Premium Chipping	Agria	UK	Amber	See comments in 'washers / mashers.'
	Salads	Charlotte, Jazzy, Gwenne	UK	Amber	The main variety will be less of Charlotte and now the majority of Jazzy. It appears to be storing OK overall. Some stronger demand for salad potatoes over the last month or so, the market appears currently less volatile than maincrop whites. Long-term; Jazzy will dominate. May possibly be sampling some imported material. Charlotte seed availability a concern, meaning Jazzy will dominate even more looking forward.
Potatoes	Baby Salads	Maris Peer	UK	Red	The UK potato area planted in spring of 2023 for the 2023/2024 crop was reduced. Planting was late due to the cold wet spring weather and harvesting in Autumn 2023 was further delayed due to wet weather conditions. Not all crops were harvested. Potentially the lowest UK Potato crop on record means that overall availability is tight.
1	Sweet	Beauregard	Egypt, USA	Green	
3	Specialist Salads	La Ratte	UK	Green	Current stocks ok.

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	Brown		Netherlands, UK		UK: Still evaluating store losses on sets. Some internal issues being spotted but nothing at a level to cause concern at this stage.	
NO 3	Red		Netherlands, UK	(-roon	UK: Short term availability is good. Longer term still needs to be assessed now crops are harvested and in store. Quality ok.	
Onions	Shallot	Banana	France	Green		
	Shallot	Round	France	Green		
	Spring	White Lisbon	Egypt	Green	Egypt: Quality remains good; Next week's boat is running late. UK (over-wintered): Due to the wet weather recently, we have delayed the start until week 13 due to the rains	
		Brown Red Shallot Shallot	Brown Red Shallot Banana Shallot Round	Brown Netherlands, UK Red Netherlands, UK Shallot Banana France Shallot Round France	Brown Netherlands, UK Green Red Netherlands, UK Green Shallot Banana France Green Shallot Round France Green Spring White Lisbon Egypt Green	

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	Spring Greens	Verve, Winter Supreme, Winter Special	UK	Amber	Based on the current growing conditions. Availability remains tight, with smaller yields and some spotting on leaves.
	Cauliflower	Aron, Delon	France	Green	
	Broccoli	Parthenon, Ulisses, Larsson	Spain	Amber	Spanish crops have begun to ease back. This has been more noticeable in the continent than in the UK, but it will become more evident towards the end of the months. Anticipate a drop in volume from now. UK production is due to start later due to the wet, winter weather causing planting delays.
Vegetables	White Chicory	Topscore	UK	Green	
	Red Chicory	Festive	UK	Green	
	Butternut	A.	Brazil, Egypt, South Africa	Green	Transitional period between Northern and Southern hemisphere. Switching into new season southern hemisphere, Brazil, and South Africa.
	Leeks	1	Belgium, Netherlands, Spain	Amber	An improvement from previous weeks following decent weather condition. There is still mix quality.
	Kale	Reflex	UK	Amber	UK season finishing, switching into Spanish.



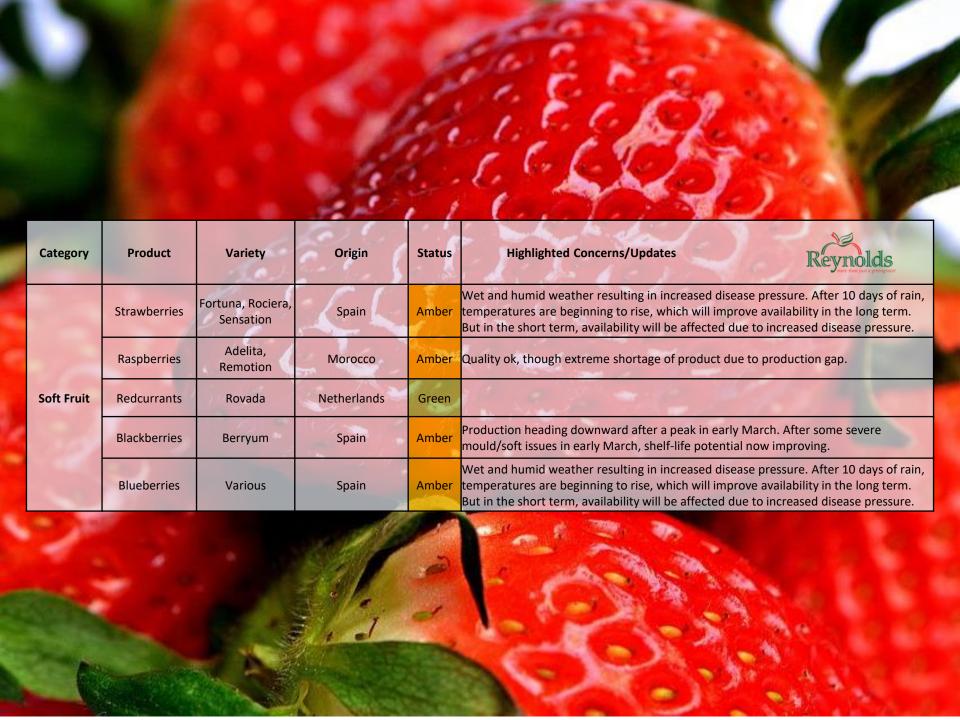


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	Tender stem Broccoli	Inspiration F1	Egypt, Kenya, Spain	Amber	Kenya: Rains have stopped, and conditions are now very warm leading to some discolouration. Managing programmed volumes but not huge excess available Egypt: availability improving. Spain: steady volume available.		
	Asparagus		Mexico	Green			
	Fennel	Augusto, Narciso, Tiziano, Tiepolo	Italy	Green			
	Fine Beans		Kenya	Amber	Crop struggling a little during very hot temperatures. Volumes a little tight		
	Beans T&T		Kenya	Amber	As above.		
Exotic Veg	EXF Beans	Samantha	Kenya	Amber	As above.		
	Sugar Snap	Sugar Lord	Kenya	Amber	As above.		
	Mangetout	Sweet Horizon	Kenya	Amber	As above.		
	Okra	Kijani	Kenya	Green			
	Turmeric		Peru	Green			
	Lemon Grass	Lemon	Kenya	Green			
	Chestnuts Vac Pack		France	Green			
	Sweetcorn Vac Pack		Spain	Green			





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1	Mix	City of	Various	Green		A SHITT
		Dried Cep	Various	Green		
	Wild	Y	Various	Green		
To	(0)	Shitake	Belgium, Netherlands, Ukraine	Green		
	1	Trompette Dried	Various	Green		Mar
1	40	White Shimeji	China	Green		
Mushrooms	VE	Brown <mark>Shime</mark> ji	China	Green		
Indam coms	Dry Wild Mix	430	Various	Green		
A		Eyrngi	China, Germany, Korea	Green		(6) (6) (6)
	A	Enoki	Demark	Amber	Potential availability issues.	
59	Button	7/1	Ireland, Poland	Green		S BURNING
	Brown	Chestnut	Ireland, Poland	Green		
11.01/6	White	Agaricus bisporous	Ireland, Poland	Green		
1	111	White Oyster	China, Germany, Korea, Poland	Green		



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		Lemon	Primofiori	Spain		Mild temperatures, no winds or rain. Night temperatures will allow the wounds caused by the winds of previous weeks to close.
A		Orange	Valencia	Egypt	Green	
		Easy Peeler	Nadorcott	Spain	Green	
	Citrus	White Grapefruit	Marsh	Israel	Amber	
		Red Grapefruit	Star Ruby	Turkey	Green	
-70		Limes	Tahiti	Brazil		Delayed containers presenting a challenge to the quality of the product. Vessels not stopping off in the UK but heading straight to Europe. Increased reliance on feeder vessels to bring the containers to the U.K.
	7	White	Thompson	India	Amber	Good quality. Vessel delays due to vessels not travelling through the Suez Canal.
	Grape	Red	Cr <mark>imson,</mark> Scarlotta	RSA	Amber	Stored grape. Last containers of the season are in the water.

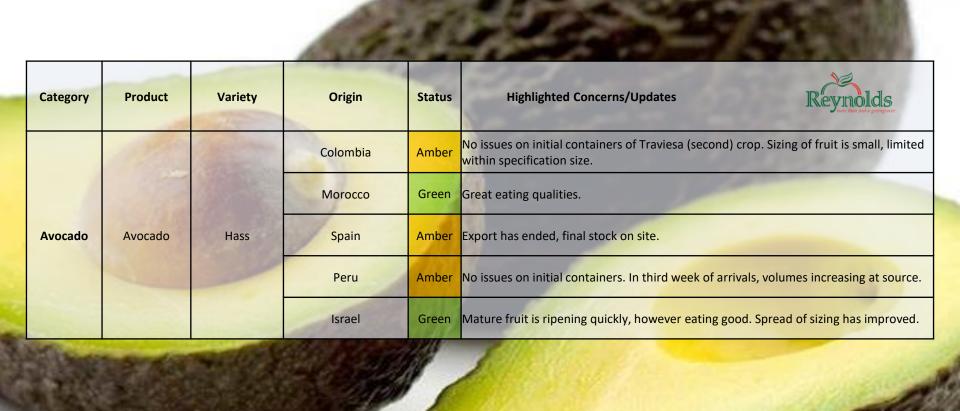
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	Passion Fruit	Edulus	Colombia	Green	
	Green Papaya		Brazil	Green	
08	Papaya		Brazil	Green	
	Figs		Brazil	Green	
	Physalis		Colombia	Amber	Low availability, though enough to cover current orders.
Exotic Fruit	Kiwifruit	Hayward	Greece	Green	
	Dates	Medjool	Israel	Green	
1	Pomegranate	Wonderful	Peru	Green	Overall quality is good, strong sugars as the orchards are in the north of Peru.
4	Mango	Kent	Peru	Amber	External appearance may be slightly scruffy, due to anthracnose spotting, but the internal flesh in not affected. The Peruvian season remains very short of volume, and this is not expected to change.
	Banana Leaf		Thailand	Green	

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	Cantaloupe	1044, Caribbean Gold, Caribbean Smile, Domador, Don David, DRG 3228, Orange County, SV1044, SV3159ML, Zanaz, Zucard	Brazil, Costa Rica, Honduras	Amber	Issues with availability from source and vessel delays.
	Yellow Honeydew	Berlin, Dali, Gold News, Goldex, Jadeal, Manda Chuva	Brazil, Costa Rica, Honduras	Amber	Low levels of light sporadic tea staining, and stalk mould and some scruffiness seen. Issues with availability from source and vessel delays.
	Galia	Bossa, DRG 3228, Mclaren, NUM 67007, SVM G5224	Costa Rica, Honduras	Amber	Light pepper spotting noted. Issues with availability from source and vessel delays.
Melon	Watermelon	6411, 8881, 39277, 50044, 50046, 051, ACX 6177, Ana, Arriba, Durlinda, Eclipse, Embasy, Essence, Estona, Excite- 50027, Exclamation, Expert, Felipe, Harmonium, Lola, Mielhart, NUN 31810, NUN 32007, NUN 32010, Papagaio, Quetzali, Shoreline, Style, Tri Durlinda, Troubadour, Yellow buttercup.	Brazil, Costa Rica, Honduras, Panama	Amber	Rots, stalk rots and stem end mould. Issues with availability from source and vessel delays.



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Pineapple	Pineapple	MD2	Costa Rica	Amber	Continuing delays on vessels due to winter Atlantic storms will place pressure on shelf life of stock once arrived. Availability of large fruit size 6/7s is tightening as average warmer temperatures result in crop being harvest before sizing is achieved and a requirement for crop to be harvested at a greener colour stage for transit times (shelf life). Smaller sizes 9/10s are ok on availability due to this.
	1		Costa Rica	Amber	Last several weeks, weather conditions have been mainly cloudy days and low temperatures (totally normal this time of year) which makes it difficult for fruit to gain grade (width).
			Guatemala	Green	
		1	Colombia	Green	
R		Cavendish	Belize	Green	
Bananas	Banana		Dominican Republic	Green	
			Ecuador	Green	
			Panama	Green	
			Nicaragua	Green	
			Ivory Coast	Green	



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	Basil	1800	Kenya	Green	
	Basil Thai		Kenya	Green	
	Bay Leaf	100	Morocco	Green	
	Coriander		Italy, Spain	Green	
	Chervil		Kenya	Green	
	Chives		Germany, Kenya, UK		Thrip damage / silvering. German chives arriving later in the week. UK due to potentially start in 1 weeks' time.
Herbs	Curly Parsley		Italy, Spain	Green	
	Dill	ij	Italy, Kenya, Spain	Green	
	Flat Parsley		Italy, Spain	Green	
	Lemon Thyme		Kenya	Green	
	Lime Leaves		Morocco, Spain	Green	
	Lovage		Morocco, Spain	Green	
	Marjoram	69	Kenya, Spain, Morocco	Green	



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	Basil Cress	Sweet Genovese	UK	Green	
	Coriander Cress	TO .	UK	Green	
7	Rocket Cress	Victoria	UK	Green	3541126
CO.	Cress Affilla		UK	Green	MATTER SERVICES
SO	Cress Mustard	Rape Seed 95%, Cress seed 5%	UK	Green	VALUE OF STREET
	Cress Shiso	21,00	UK	Red	Unavailable
320	Cress Tahoon	SZ.	UK	Amber	Subject to quantities ordered
Cress and Shoots	Growing Tendrill Pea		UK	Green	
	Mixed Sakura Cress	100/11/	UK	Green	100 100 100 100
~	Peashoots	SPEA 4018	UK	Green	9 10 10 10 10 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
7	Basil Lemon Cress	10	UK	Green	
	Parsley Cress		UK	Green	
	Red Cabbage		UK	Amber	Subject to quantities being ordered.
	Daikon Cress		UK	Amber	Subject to quantities being ordered.
	Thai Basil Cress		UK	Green	

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	Bean sprouts	Mung Beans- Viagna Radiata L. Wilczek	UK	Green	
	Alaskan Nasturtium Leaf	1	UK	Green	
	Amaranth Red Cress Micro		UK	Green	
	Apple Blossom	Ma	UK	Green	
	Basil Red Cress Micro	The same	UK	Green	
	Blue Oyster Flowers		UK	Green	
	Blue Pepe Nasturtium Leaf		UK	Red	Seed has now been sourced and product will return in May.
Cress and Shoots	Borage Flowers		UK	Green	
	Bronze Fennel		UK	Green	
4	Bulls Blood Micro Chard		UK	Green	
	Corn Flowers		UK	Green	
	Cucumber Flowers		UK	Red	End of season
	Edible Pansy Flowers		UK	Green	
	Edible Rose Petals		UK	Red	End of season
	Fennel Cress Micro		UK	Green	

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Category	Flowers Edible Mixed		UK	Green	
	Golden Pea Shoots		UK	Green	
	Micro Celery Cress		UK	Green	
1	Micro Choc Mint Cress		UK	Green	
	Micro Cress	1	UK	Green	
	Micro Flat Leaf Parsley	1	UK	Green	
	Micro Ice Lettuce	The second	UK	Green	
Cress and Shoots	Micro Lemon Balm Cress	7	UK	Green	
6	Micro Mint Cress	1	UK	Green	
100	Micro Purple Shiso		UK	Green	
	Micro Salad Mix		UK	Green	
	Micro Thyme	0	UK	Green	
	Micro Watercress Shoots		UK	Green	A STATE OF THE STA
	Mix Taste of the Sea Box		UK	Green	
	Mizuna Cress Micro		UK	Green	

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	Popcorn Shoots	1	UK	Green	
	Nasturtium Flowers	K	UK	Green	
	Oyster Leaves		UK	Green	
	Red Veined Sorrel		UK	Green	210/2
	Rock Chives	VALV	UK	Green	
	Salt <mark>y Fingers</mark>	VX	UK	Green	
Cress and	Samphire	STATE OF	Morocco / Israel	Green	
Shoots	Sea Aster		UK	Green	NO PHONE
	Sea Beet		UK	Green	
- 4	Sea Buckshorn	7.1	UK	Green	PACLEDANCE
	Sea Fennel	The Market of th	UK	Red	Waiting for new crop to establish.
	Sea Purslane		UK	Red	Waiting for new crop to establish.
	Sea Rosemary		UK	Green	
	Sechuen / Buzz Button		UK	Green	

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	PIII	Tagete Flowers	ALL TA	UK	Green		
		Bellis Daisy	MILE VI	UK	Green		,
1	Cress & Shoots	Marigold Flowers		UK	Red	Waiting for new crop to establish.	
1		Fennel Crowns	MAN	UK UK	Red	Out of season.	
		Courgette Flowers		UK	Green	TAX OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PRO	
		Viola Flowers	MINA	ик	Green		
	-7	Wheat Grass	1 3. 3	UK	Green		
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