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Category	Product	Variety	Country of Origin	Amber/Red Status	Highlighted Concerns/Updates
Glasshouse	Tomatoes	Various	Spain Morocco Canary Isles	Amber	Volume continues to drop due to colder weather and some early plantings coming to an end. Due to high humidity some disease is also present. Risk of backward fruit high. Cold weather means availability and colour will continue to suffer for at least another couple of weeks.
	Baby Plum & Cherry	Various	Spain	Amber	Volume continues to drop, especially on cherry. Some fruit is also splitting during transit due to high brix and colder weather. Larger fruit a risk due to early picks from new plantings. Cooler weather means availability / quality likely to suffer.
	Peppers		Spain	Amber	Availabilities remain tight, especially on yellow fruit. Risk of backward fruit high (green shoulders) due to availability and to try and aid shelf life. Cold weather means availability and colour will continue to suffer.
	Cucumber		Spain Canary Isles	Amber	Early plantings have come to a premature end due to cold and disease from the humidity is being seen. Change over to spring plants are also means availability low. Availability will remain low until week 7 at least.
	Chillies		Spain	Amber	Reduced availability and quality may be affected following Storm Gloria.
Lettuce and Leaves	Iceberg		Spain	Amber	Harvesting challenges have meant availability has suffered. The rain and wind mean quality will also suffer. Pinking risk high after the heavy rains.
	Little Gem		Spain	Amber	A risk of twisting and bigger ribs due to the lower light levels. Pinking risk high after the heavy rains.
	Romaine		Spain	Amber	Quality OK but concerns this will deteriorate following the heavy rains. Monitoring tipping and pinking closely
	Batavia		Spain	Amber	Availability generally ok but some "ribbiness" and tipping seen on the mature heads. Pinking risk high after the heavy rains.
	Lollo Biondi / Rosso		Spain	Amber	Quality generally ok but head weights dropping due to cool, wet weather. Monitoring head weights, pinking & soiling closely.
	Endive		Spain	Amber	Ok, but tipping risk remains high.
	Wild Rocket		Italy	Amber	Adverse weather conditions at source is affecting both quality and shelf-life. Availability tight.
	Rocket		Italy	Amber	Cooler weather continues to help mildew pressure which a slightly better week.
Baby Leaf Kale		Italy	Amber	Challenging quality and availability issues from Italy due to the continued cold weather.	

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Exotic Vegetables	Mangetout		Kenya Egypt Guatemala	Amber	Availability remains very tight from Kenya. Some issues with spotting being seen due to the excess water. Guatemalan not expected until mid-Jan
	Sugarsnap		Kenya Egypt Guatemala	Amber	Availability remains very tight from Kenya. Some issues with spotting being seen due to the excess water. Guatemalan not expected until mid-Jan
	Asparagus		Peru Mexico	Red	Asparagus is very short due to early season finish in Peru and late start of the season in Mexico .
Potato	Potatoes	Various	UK	Amber	<p>Normally at this time of the year / season there is not much to report. The potatoes would have been harvested in good (relatively dry) conditions and would be in store, holding up well but this year this is very different,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is still a proportion of the potato crop in the ground, unharvested. These will be either written-off or ploughed in or some growers may try to 'overwinter' and harvest next spring. • Potatoes that are over-wintered will carry a high risk of breakdown / rotting once harvested and this year there is the added factor of crops sitting in water due to the saturated soil. There is so much water in the soil now that the slightest of showers produces puddling on the surface that persists for days / weeks. • Even crops that have been harvested later in the season this year are exhibiting rotting and heavy soil adhesion. • There are a number of reports of large stores of late harvested potatoes rotting ('going down') and being written-off due to the unsuitable conditions when they went into store (i.e. wet, muddy and cold). • The skin finish of some batches of stored crops has already started to dull and show patches of Black Dot (skin blemish). Normally this would not become apparent until much later in the storage period. • With wet weather forecast, some growers are becoming nervous about field conditions for planting. <p>Most skin blemishes 'defects' are fungal based (which are harmless) and wet stored crops will provide ideal conditions for the growth and spread of these blemishes. Potatoes stored prior to the wet conditions are holding up well, but overall quality is likely to be at a lower level than recent years as we move further into the storage period.</p>

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Vegetables	Savoy	Various	UK	Amber	Heavy rainfall and cold temperatures affecting growth. Savoy not achieving weight requirements. Deviation currently in place for 450g head weights.
	Cauliflower		Spain	Amber	Spain – No reported quality issues, but cooler weather is slowing growth. Harvesting challenges due to the wet weather conditions.
	Purple Sprouting Broccoli		UK	Amber	Still very limited, though small volumes starting to come through.
	Spring Greens	Winter Supreme	UK	Red	Limited availability due to wet conditions with some minor black spots present (fungal) due to the poor wet weather conditions.
	Black Cabbage	Cavelo Nero	Spain	Amber	Some minor scar due to weather conditions, though this will not degrade over life.
	Butternut		Portugal	Amber	Quality good, but short availability of size 800-1200g
	Leeks	Shafton Linton Voltra Duraton Chinook Copernicus Varnstar SV3192ZE Lexton	UK Netherlands Belgium	Amber	Wet conditions have affected leek growth and as such the leeks are shorter and are more green than usually expected. Looking to supplement UK crop with Dutch for 2-3 weeks as next field is looking very small.

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Soft Fruit	Avocado	Hass	Dom Rep Mexico Chile Israel Spain Guatemala	Amber	 <p>Chile - Ongoing civil unrest in Chile however stocks have increased and maintained. Dom Rep - Vessel delays and container inspections at port. Both have impacted ripening programme during this week. Mexico - Vessel delays and container inspections at port. Both have impacted ripening programme during this week. Guatemala - Vessel delays and container inspections at port. Both have impacted ripening programme during this week. Spain - Quality issues expected due to heavy rain now affecting harvesting, but this can be monitored during both intake and ripening.</p>
	Strawberries	Sensation Fortuna San Andreas	Morocco Egypt Spain	Amber	<p>White shoulders, rots under the calyx and dry bruising - no risks being taken on the line and full focus on quality White shoulder in Spain is the main issue but brix is OK. Rains in Spain and Morocco are a concern due to levels of humidity and the potential increase in botrytis. Availability tight due to challenging weather in Spain and Morocco</p>
	Raspberries	Adelita	Spain	Amber	No reported quality issues. Cooler weather conditions is slowing growth, so the berries are taking longer to colour up on the plant.
	Blackberries	Tupi Ark45 Kiowa	Guatemala	Amber	Rain at source, additional selection for mould and low levels of bleed
Melon	Galia	3228 Capoeira Mclaren	Brazil	Amber	Increased levels of pepper spotting also occasional rot and mould. Additional selection required.

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Herbs	Potted Curley / Flat Parsley		UK	Amber	Some aphids noted within the crops. No availability issues.
	Potted Thyme		UK	Amber	Some minor black leaves due to humidity. Shorter stem lengths due to slow growth / reduction in CO2 in the glasshouse.
	Potted Mint		UK	Amber	Some aphids noted within the crops. No availability issues.
	Potted Rosemary		UK Belgium Portugal	Amber	A little small in height, lack of light time of year low temps etc., small amount of pest damage
	Potted Coriander		UK	Amber	Some minor black leaves due to humidity. Shorter stem lengths due to slow growth / reduction in CO2 in the glasshouse.
	Potted Parsley		UK	Amber	Some aphid activity noted within the crop.
	Potted Basil		UK	Amber	Minor thrip damage.
	Basil	Maggie Aroma	UK Spain	Red	Spain – high humidity at source affecting quality and storability. UK - minor thrip damage and soft leaves due to time of year and current light levels
	Tarragon		Ethiopia Kenya	Red	There are not many growers of tarragon and crops are still recovering from Christmas so volumes traditionally go down and slowly recover until UK volume hits around April. Volumes will recover but it can be slow if conditions are adverse.
	Flat Parsley		Italy Spain Morocco	Amber	No reported issues with quality, but limited availability due to weather conditions.
	Curley Parsley		Spain	Amber	Heavy rains and cooler weather affecting quality and picking plans.
	Dill		Kenya	Amber	Heavy rains and cooler weather affecting quality and picking plans.
	Coriander		Kenya Spain	Red	Heavy rains and cooler weather affecting quality and picking plans.
Mint Tips		Kenya	Amber	Heavy rains and cooler weather affecting quality and picking plans.	
Cress & Shoots	Blue Oyster Flowers		UK	Red	Not available, season June to October
	Cucumber Flowers		UK	Red	Not available, season May to September
	Oyster Leaves		UK	Red	Winter crop has slowed up , will review in the New Year.
	Sea Aster		UK	Red	No availability for 2 weeks as the winter crop is not ready