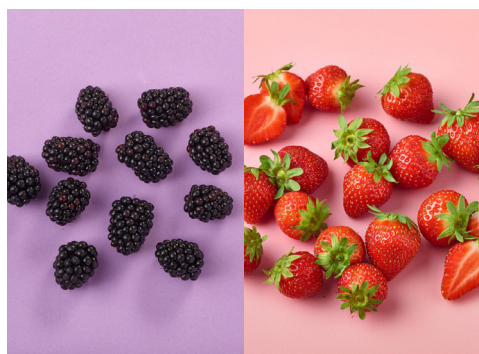


# Crop Report

Wednesday 11th June to Wednesday 18th June

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## Berries



There have been ad hoc quality challenges with some berries as we enter the very end of the Moroccan season.

However, with blackberries and strawberries already fully British, the good news is that we expect raspberries to join them in full UK supply by next week.

British strawberries remain a great option with some fantastic early season quality and good availability.

There is currently a concession in place for British strawberries to allow for slightly smaller fruit due to the 'June Bearer' crop coming to an end. This concession is in place to maintain both consistency and availability.

## Carrots

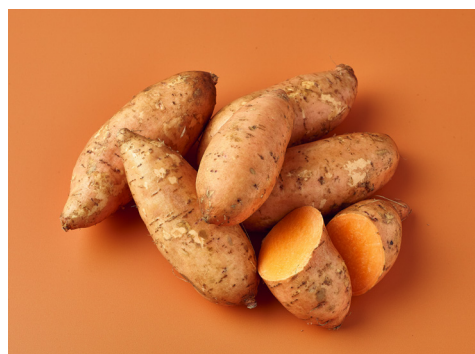


The current UK carrot season will end this week, with the new season starting next week. Our growers are reporting that the new crop is looking positive.

However, until we start to receive new season produce, customers are advised to keep carrots stored at as low a temperature as possible, which will help to maintain shelf-life and minimise any end-of-season quality issues.

Chantenay carrots are currently being sourced from Spain, where the recent rains have affected the colour, making them appear a little dull. This is a short-term issue as we will begin to receive UK stocks at the end of next week.

## Sweet Potato



We are at the end of our Portuguese supply, with less than a week to go before we transition to Argentina.

The overall market remains challenging with supply from the US now very short. While we do not have any current availability issues, we are expecting market-wide challenges during July as we reach the pinch-point of the season, before the start of the Egyptian season at the end of July/beginning of August.

## Butternut squash



We are expecting some availability challenges towards the end of June and into July, as the South African season is predicted to finish earlier than expected due to frosts.

With northern hemisphere planting taking place later than planned, we will be monitoring the situation very closely over the coming weeks as the transition will be difficult.

## Peaches and Nectarines



Our greatly anticipated seasonal peaches and nectarines are now in stock. Early indications are for a good quality crop from our Italian grower, which we'll be supplementing with some fruit from Spain.

We will have these succulent stone fruits in stock until around the end of August and they will be delivered in either fully recyclable cardboard packaging or home compostable packs.

## Parsnips



The British parsnip season should come to an end this week, after which we will use Spanish produce for around a month until we return to the UK in July. There are some end of season quality issues with both prepped and raw product, which we are doing our best to minimise.

We will be maintaining a close watch on the Spanish crop, as there may be some problems caused by the heavy rains during the growing period.

## Melons



Availability is currently good, with melons coming from the Almeria region of Spain.

It will be more challenging from next week for around a fortnight or so, as we transition to the Murcia region. This is the result of late plantings due to poor weather. However, there is currently good weather in the area, and we are hopeful that this could help to avoid major shortages.

## Passion Fruit



Following storms and heavy rain in Colombia, which meant that we had to rely on air-freighted produce from Kenya, we are pleased to announce that we are expecting the resumption of sea-freighted produce from Colombia early next week. Subject to no further delays, this should put an end to any issues.

## Cabbage



We are maintaining a close watching brief as the produce is not lasting as well as hoped in store with more wastage than we would normally expect and there may be some challenges before the start of the new season. The overall market is very tight as we get further into stored product.

## Grapes



We are expecting speciality grapes to be in stock from the end of this week. This is fantastic news for users of Sable and Cotton Candy grapes as it is much earlier than had been anticipated for the normal gap between the seasons.

## British Asparagus



With only a fortnight left of the British asparagus season, don't forget to make the most of this popular fixture on menus.

## Savoy cabbage



Concessions remain in place for Savoy cabbage as we utilise stored produce. The quality is such that additional leaves need to be stripped away, making the product smaller.

## Broccoli



The majority of supply has transitioned to the UK. There are some ad hoc quality challenges with the final supplies from Spain, but we expect to be all British by the end of next week.

## Cauliflower



We are now sourcing all British produce for our cauliflower. There is a concession in place due to lower head weights as a result of the recent weather conditions. We are also monitoring the colour of the heads.

## Sweetheart cabbage



Sweetheart cabbage will be 100% British by the end of this week, with the transition from Spain progressing well.