

# CROP REPORT

Wednesday 10th July to Wednesday 17th July

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## Avocados

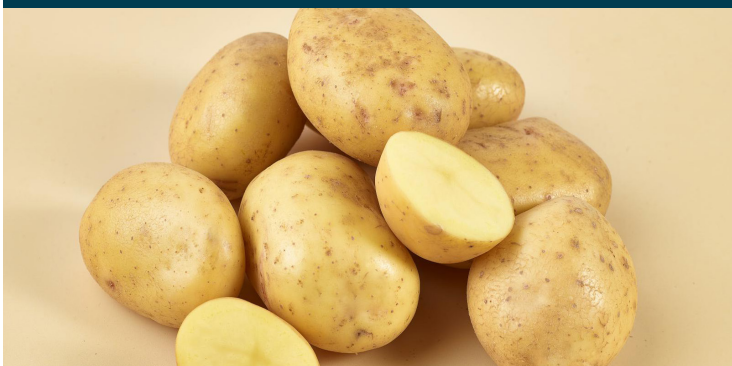


Market supply of avocados remains challenging. Concessions are in place for large fruit, which has been adversely affected by El Nino over the growing period. This has impacted Peru and we expect a similar situation with Columbian fruit.

While we are not anticipating any major supply problems, shipping delays are compounding a challenging situation and putting additional pressure on availability.

We expect challenges, particularly on sizing, until we move to Chilean supply at the end of September.

## Potatoes



The potato market continues to be challenging, with low stocks and poor availability.

The biggest issues remain on smaller sized potatoes such as mids and salad varieties. We are continuing to work with our potato partners to try to identify additional products as the challenging season continues.

We also have concessions in place to try to help maximise availability in what has been one of the most challenging seasons on record.

## Berries



Unfortunately, after a promising period, the low light levels and unseasonably cold temperatures are impacting the availability of berries.

It is relatively unusual for the time of year, but with temperatures falling to as low as 8°C overnight, coupled with indifferent weather, the berries have not been colouring up or maturing as they should, adversely affecting supply.

## Cabbage



Cabbage is now all coming from stored crop. However, there have been some problems with wastage from stored products, which have not fared as well as had been hoped.

We are continuing to work with suppliers to manage demand until the new season arrives, around August, and concessions will remain in place to aid availability.

## Roquette



Supply is returning to normal following some large fluctuations in night and day temperatures across southern Italy, which adversely impacted the crop's growth,

We are not expecting any major supply issues, but there are still some concerns over quality, which could lead to some short-term availability issues.

## Cavolo Nero



The crop's growth has been slow and yields of Cavolo Nero continue to be poor. Because this is a product that is not widely grown, there are limited options to identify additional produce.

However, we are working with suppliers to try to mitigate the impact on customers.

## Galia melons



The humid conditions in Spain have affected the quality of Galia melons. However, we are beginning to see some better weather, which in turn should lead to an improvement in quality.

The more robust varieties such as cantaloupe and watermelon have not been affected in the same way, as they are sturdier.

## Leeks



There have been some short-term availability challenges, but we have introduced an additional supplier, which should see an improvement.

## Asparagus



We are not currently facing any supply issues, but the equivalent of DEFRA in Peru, Senasa, is currently on an indefinite strike.

This is not delaying asparagus being exported from the country at the moment, but there is the potential for some disruption while the industrial action continues. We are working on contingency plans should they be required.

## Granny Smith apples



While we are not anticipating any major issues with supply, there are challenges to the availability of Granny Smith's apples, which have been impacted by an early finish to the Northern Hemisphere season, which has been compounded by low volumes from South Africa and other Southern Hemisphere growing regions.

The Northern Hemisphere new season begins in September and availability will be challenging until then.

## Tenderstem® broccoli



We are continuing to transition to the UK as the Spanish season comes to an end. Some British produce has been flowering a bit earlier because of the higher temperatures we saw, but with the cooler weather, we should see an end to this over the course of the next week or so.

We are also still receiving good supply from our Kenyan growers.

