

# SMITH & BROCK



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## WEEKLY PRODUCT UPDATE - 22/04/19

# Happy Easter!

Unfortunately we will not be able to offer the most popular product of choice this Easter weekend as we will all favour lots of chocolate! Joking apart, we have some great produce as usual to put on the plate for this busy weekend ahead of us... once again, don't forget that we are closed tomorrow Friday and Monday! But we deliver on Saturday so insure to organise yourself accordingly.

With such lovely weather, you can't miss having a nice selection of heirloom tomatoes on offer! Our selection comes from France and is outstanding! Baby veg of all sorts are exceptional quality, grillote and scallion (red grillote) are also very tasty. Other products that are very popular lately in they own rights are romanesco, globe artichokes, Jersey royal, purple and also white sprouting broccoli, superb new season French

garlic, chime de rapa, English asparagus from Norfolk, peas and Broad beans from Spain and why not go for a bit of appropriate yellow colour with some corn!

As you all know, most of the core items in the winter comes from Spain, such as courgette, peppers, aubergines, tomatoes... we are slowly moving to the Dutch season and with the exception of plum vine tomatoes, fortunately this year, with good weather around Europe as we have all noticed, there shouldn't be a gap between the transition and products will remain very much affordable.

Some very good quality French spinach and white asparagus... also salad heads from France such as oak leaves, lollo, frisee (curly endive) are absolutely superb with big full head bursting of freshness!



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## FRUITS

Some amazing Spanish products coming through such as peaches and nectarines. France is also doing very well with superb berries, such as blueberries, frais des bois, guarriguette, clery strawberries in wooden basket, Charentais melon from the French isles (Martinique). Also some very tasty airfreight mangoes... Nedercot satsumas still proving to be very good and blood orange are surprisingly still about!

On the apple corner, UK apples are drawing to an end with only Royal gala and breaburn available.

Pears are also difficult with UK season finished a while back and now the European season is also finishing. Southern Hemisphere fruits are proving to be a bit difficult at present with limited choice available. Argentinian Williams and red blush pears from South Africa are the main choices.

On a not so positive note, citrus fruits are not doing too well in terms of price!!! Limes are well over the 2 figures price, and lemon also start to creep up. The Spanish season is now finishing and only airfreight limes available from South America!!! (no juicing limes available!!).





## EXPENSIVE!

We mentioned earlier about limes going crazy money, but onions are something we all can't do without!!! The Spanish season is now finished and Chilean are taken over but really expensive for obvious transport cost reason and small volumes as it is only the start of the season for them.



## FORAGER

I am sure you are all really enjoying Dan's Forager Reports which you can also see via his Instagram account:

[www.instagram.com/danielkelleher.smith.and.brock/](https://www.instagram.com/danielkelleher.smith.and.brock/)

I thought I would just point out 2 amazing products out of the amazing lot! Japanese Knotweed from the rhubarb family and Cauliflower mushroom!



## PREPARED VEG

We are so busy this weekend and the prep room is in full steam! As always, please ensure to give all your prepared order before 2pm for smooth operation on our side and therefore a better service to you! Much appreciated!

