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WEEKLY PRODUCT UPDATE - 24/06/19

Hello, another week has passed and the weather is always so unpredictable!

Our farmers in Lincolnshire have had a second downpour this week, with more floodings, which has really affected all crops of broccoli, peas and cauliflower. Potatoes seem to have survived but the future will tell when they start digging them out of the ground. We are now finally starting the Strawberries English season with Hugh Lowe farm in Maidstone/Kent. As previous years, we can offer the standard variety or the Jubilee variety which is more of a heart shape and very well graded... Excellent flavour strawberries! Standard for our 400g pack as opposed to 300g for Jubilee.

Some farmers have reported that only 25% of their current crop will be good enough to sell! We will have to wait for the next cycle of replanted broccoli for example to get back to normal... so a few painful weeks to come!

Artichokes, fennel, Swiss chard, rainbow chard, and corn are very good. As well as any aubergine, but our favourite at present is the round Italian.

Girolles mushrooms currently from Belgium are superb, nice and tiny!



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There is so much to say about fruits! Let the pictures talk! Apricots! Flat peaches, peaches, nectarines, English strawberries and French guariguette, and not to miss all the choices of melon! Charentais, cantaloupe, honey, watermelon, galia.

Cherries from Spain, France and UK! The Spanish are currently better value in terms of price and very good taste. How about fresh almonds?

Forgot to mention! Our new avocado supplier is proving to make a lot of happy people! They are really superb quality! We all know how important it is to have a good avocado! Not too ripe! Not too firm!



TOMATOES

Perfect time of the year to have tomatoes on the menu!

Have you tried the tomatillo, still in their leaf! Or the tomberry, which are the smallest tomatoes you will ever see! Our cherry vine are superb and we have plenty of other choices available... might well be that a ready mix heirloom suits you well!



EXPENSIVE/POOR YEAR!

For the reasons explained in the introduction, it is going to be a very difficult time over the next few weeks for the price of cauliflower, peas, and broccoli!

Onion prices are also at their all time record!!!!

Potato price is quite stable at the minute, with the exception of jumbo potatoes, which start to make big money...

Shallots are also very very expensive! New season needs to start soon!!



WESTLANDS: TASTE OF THE SEA AND MICRO CRESS

Westlands, our micro cress supplier in Evesham, also has a great sea range! They add sea salt to the water to replicate the seaside environment! AMAZING! So clever!

In terms of micro cress how about a ready mix? Micro salad cress!

