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## WEEKLY PRODUCT UPDATE – 09/03/20

### ITALY

It really feels great at this time of the year when the days are getting longer and so much new interesting produce is coming through. Mostly from Italy, benefiting from warmer weather.

News? We have direct supply twice a week from Milan/Italy and the fridge will be full of the wonderful stuff below! Pick up the phone and place your orders!



Castel Franco



Tropea onions



Pink raddicio



Tardivo



Broad beans



Peas



Monks beard



Grumolo



Roquette domestica



Kohlrabi



Fennel



Puntarella (no heart)



Puntarella (with heart)



Cime di rapa (turnips tops)

Did you know we were doing two types of Puntarella? Two different uses, one with heart and one without...

**Italian products continued:**



*Baby bunched artichokes*



*Mauve/round aubergine*



*Datterino*



*San Marzano*



*Spikey artichokes*



*Wild roquette bunched*



*Miranda*

**UK**

Not a great deal of produce, as you would expect at this time of the year, but check out the superb Yorkshire forced rhubarb! Did you know they are grown in dark caves so they never see the light? If they were to see the light, they would turn green... slow growth in the dark also makes them so soft and sweet! A must buy!

Also not to be missed, are purple sprouting broccoli from Worcestershire, Jersey Royal mids or Ware (large) and spring green from Cornwall.



*Purple and white queen kale...*



*Cauliflower*



*Savoy*



*Leeks*



*Green kale*



*Purple kale*



*Mixed Chantenay carrots*



*Parsnips*



*Red beetroot*

**UK products continued:**



*Swede*



*Cornish Spring green*



*Sea kale*



*Wild garlic*



*Jersey Royal*



*Rhubarb*



*Purple sprouting*



*Kalette*

**FROM FRANCE, SPAIN, HOLLAND...**

**Some great quality heirloom tomatoes coming from France! And radishes!**



*Heritage carrots*



*Romanesco*



*Baby round courgette*



*Ox heart tomatoes*



*Baby heritage carrots*



*Onion squash*



*Candy beetroot*



*Cherry trio*



*Sand carrots*

**From France, Spain and Holland products continued:**

*Purple potatoes*



*Swiss chard*



*Salsify*



*Chicory*



*Red chicory*



*Egyptian wet garlic*



*Celeriac*



*Heirloom tomatoes*



*Globe artichokes*



*Heritage and breakfast radish*



*French pumpkin*



**EXPENSIVE / SHORT**

**Due to the Coronavirus in Asia, produce from this part of the world has been very difficult... Mainly ginger and garlic. As a company, we are actually not buying Chinese garlic but as a result of the shortage, supply and demand meant that it has also put pressure on European garlic and therefore all garlic are expensive... Peeled garlic has also taken a hit!**

Carrots are going slightly up in price as stored crop from last year decreases so fingers crossed, the farmer will be able to plant very soon despite the very wet ground caused by the floodings of late!

Cucumber are also for some reason a bit short lately and price on the way up. Waiting to get explanations on this.

