

## Introduction

We're heading into our annual review of our supply base, to ensure we provide the best pricing and quality for our clients and we're anticipating that this will be completed by October 2025.

## What's in Season

We're in the swing of the British fruit and veg, with some great options for creating seasonal, locally sourced menus.

Our highlights would be:

- Strawberries, blackberries, raspberries and blueberries
- Gooseberries and outdoor rhubarb (with only a couple of weeks left before they end for the year)
- Leafy salads, including baby leaves
- British tomatoes
- Mid potatoes
- Kale, chicory and rainbow chard
- Kohlrabi
- English Watercress
- Scottish Ceps and Chanterelles

As we move into September, we'll start seeing butternut and winter squash, as well as early pumpkins for any Halloween menus and activities.

We'll also be moving into British Apples and Pears season, with some early varieties of apple, like discovery and windsor, available from late August.

According to BA&P, we look like we are heading into one of the best seasons for taste and quality in many years, despite the hot weather! [2025 British apple season predictions.](#)

## Ones to Watch

Cauliflowers and broccoli remain a challenge, due to the hot weather across the UK and Northern Europe. This has led to a shortage of product which is having a significant impact on price, which we are currently managing with our suppliers.

The weather is also leading to nutrient deficiencies and increased pest presence which can impact head weight and quality, as well as lead to defects such as yellowing. We would recommend Kale as a menu substitution where possible over the next month.

The winter wheat harvest is underway and yields are improving as combines progress. Current about 50% of the UK crop has been harvested, with the overall yields looking around 1% vs last year, this is up from the start of harvest, where yields looked to be down 10% vs last year. This is variable from farm to farm, but is not a current cause for concern.



### Any questions?

Please contact your Account Manager if you have any questions.

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