

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE

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- Now the weather is much colder and damper our tastes turn to heartier foods, so now is the time to take advantage of buying **Root Vegetables** as they are the best value this time of year. As well as the regular **Carrots, Turnips & Swede**, there are **Heritage varieties** to spruce up the menu. There's also the **Baby Chantenay Carrots & Piccolo Baby Parsnips**. **English Jerusalem Artichokes** with their nutty taste are a very good to addition to many a dish.
- French Roscoff Onions are available, these were the original onion farmers that gave rise to the classic British stereotype of Frenchmen in berets carrying strings of onions on bicycles, as much of their business was in the UK. They gained AOC status in 2009 for their unique flavour, sweetness and being high in vitamin C.
- English Savoy Cabbage from Boston, Lincolnshire is another great winter vegetable, so too is the Tenderstem Broccoli from Barfoots Farm, Botley. Frissee, Iceberg & Cos Lettuce that is now from the continent is quite expensive. Yellow Courgettes remain expensive and no sign of them coming down yet. The selection of Pumpkins & Squashes that are available is getting tighter, but there's still good varieties available.
- Dutch Indoor Rhubarb is still expensive. Figs are almost non-existent and the ones that are around are very expensive, so best avoided. Strawberries have been very expensive but have eased in price for now, South African Oranges, Mexican/Colombian Limes & Kumquats are pricey too. Spanish Okistsu Satsumas are the choice of easy peeler at the moment. They're reasonably priced, there are some good Clementines available, but they are dearer. Even though there a few Peaches & Nectarines available they are poor quality and do not eat very well and are not recommended. All the Melons are mainly coming from Brazil and prices are reasonable.



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