



May News

Welcome to the Valimex May news & produce update. As we come into May we see our fabulous British produce start to come alive. British Strawberries have been late to start this year, however we have now started collecting from our grower Hugh Lowe Farms in Kent. Our Lancashire grower Molyneux has started with Cavolo Nero and rainbow Chard. Isle of Wight tomatoes have arrived with the addition of their cucumber and Padron peppers.

New Produce News



Based in the Arreton Valley on the Isle of Wight, IOWT have been producing tomatoes for over 15 years. We have Speciality heritage, cocktail vine and sweet vine tomatoes, also we have Padron peppers and Cucumbers available to order. New Forrest Asparagus has now finished, we now have Spilman Asparagus, based in Thirsk in North Yorkshire the Spilman family have been growing Asparagus for over 10 years. We work directly with the Spilman family bringing their Asparagus to your kitchen within 24 hours from the Field. The season should carry on until mid-June.



Finishing soon

Blood Orange is finishing soon. Purple Sprouting Broccoli has finished, Spanish Tender stem has finished early due to flooding, English will be a few weeks away from starting. Wild Garlic has another 3-4 weeks left. English asparagus has until mid-June



Grower Visit



This month we visited Hugh Lowe Farms in Mereworth, Kent. Established in 1893 by Bernard Champion, who had an ambition to grow the best Strawberries to supply Covent Garden in London. His grandson, Hugh Lowe then took the business on and named the Farm. Now His daughter, Marion Regan runs the family business with her husband Jon Regan, their daughter has now joined the business securing the next generation.

Along with some of our customers we visited the historic Mereworth farm to taste Strawberries and listen to Marion's expertise, knowledge and passion that has gone into producing such a consistent, sweet and flavoursome berry.

Their ethos for the environment is exemplary, all plants are grown in Peat free substrate which is then composted down after the life cycle of the plant is complete.

All berries are sold in 100% recyclable punnets. They share the crops with beneficial wildlife and spare the land next to the crops for nature to build a productive eco system.





Fresh in this month



Wild Asparagus, Morel mushroom, Yellow Bean and Cep mushroom.



French Cherry, Charentais Melon, White Peach and HLF Strawberry.



IOW Mixed colour Cherry Vine, Vesuvio, Provence Pineapple Yellow and IOW Sweet Cherry vine Tomato.

Please keep an eye on our Instagram page for fresh-in produce [@valimexltd](https://www.instagram.com/valimexltd). Please contact us for any help on 0208 961 2477 or email orders@valimex.co.uk and all enquiries sales@valimex.co.uk