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Produce World celebrates more onion success!

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Produce World is proud to be working with the best UK and European onion growers, which form part of the wider Produce World Grower Group. This Group represents interdependency and values from both Produce World and the growers involved.

Based on the success of the Grower Group, Produce World continues to increase multi cropping. The selection process is very much based on overall performance and grower loyalty to the Group.

This growing season the overall crop is looking promising with a good bulb size and quality. Harvest is early and the good weather is expected to continue well into September, with a large percentage of the UK crop to be lifted during this time. However, yields are not expected to be too much above average.



After a really promising start to the growing season, and excellent top growth, the late drilled crop planted on more bodied soil types during the wet spring has dried out and suffered with poorer population and yield. Crops on lighter silts, lighter black land and sand have fared better on size, quality and yield.

Mildew has been prevalent on sets and early or forward drilled crops. This will drive down yield, quality and size on some crops, depending on harvest dates and the wetter conditions possibly spoiling skin quality.

A variable quality crop is expected to reduce what should have been a high yielding year to one closer to average.

After last year's increase in year on year acreage planted, next season is predicted to be the about the same acreage.

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About Produce World Group

Produce World Group is one of the largest expert growers and suppliers of high quality fresh vegetables in Europe. It is a privately owned business, founded by the Burgess family in 1898, and the family ethos and values remain in place. The Produce World Group business is customer and category focused and it is an industry leader in sustainable and responsible agronomy, growing and lean supply chain management.

Its sourcing is a combination of produce from its own farming division Burgess Farms, joint-ventures, and collaborative working with dedicated grower groups, supplying a variety of root vegetables, potatoes, brassicas, alliums, and organic produce to leading retailers, food service and manufacturing customers.

In September 2013 Produce World Group featured in primetime TV programme Harvest in a bid to raise consumer awareness of how the nation's food gets from field to fork. The Produce World Group also secured three finalist slots at the 2013 Re:refresh awards for its CSR work, employee engagement and team management. Other successes include winning the Treading Lightly Waitrose Way Award, acknowledging the work Produce World Group does with innovative irrigation technologies.