



MARKET REPORT

FOR WEEK ENDING

August 11th 2017

SPECIALIST SERVICES TO THE HORTICULTURAL AND FLORIST INDUSTRY TRADE

Prices Shown - Average to Top Quality

Sales are held as follows:
Vegetables & Fruit:
 Monday and Thursday 11.30am Wednesday 11 am
Flowers & Plants:
 Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 12.30 pm

<u>CUT FLOWERS</u>			
<p>Flower sales are a little muted this week, not helped by the dark, dank, autumn-like days preventing them from parading their peacock-like colours proudly. Dahlias seem oblivious to the lack of sunlight, performing well on Monday and Wednesday, tailing off slightly by Thursday. Premier quality Statice and Helichrysum bouquets also perform reasonably well, clearing daily. Gladioli sales are volatile, with plenty of stock to be seen, allowing buyers to pick and choose their lots. Aster price returns are steady, now that volumes have evened out, helping to grow demand.</p>			
Description	Per:	Average	Best
Asters	Bunch	£0.45	£0.75
Bouquets	Bunch	£1.80	£2.00
Chrysanthus Spray Dutch	Bunch	£1.00	£1.30
Dahlia	Bunch	£0.30	£0.90
Gladioli	Bunch	£0.30	£0.60
Oriental Lily	Bunch	£1.00	£2.00
Statice Mixed	Bunch	£0.40	£0.80
Sunflower	Bunch	£0.60	£1.00

<u>POT & GARDEN PLANTS</u>			
<p>With the temperatures feeling more like late September than mid August, different plant lines come into play. Late summer flowering perennials are one of the new arrivals getting the connoisseurs hot under the collar, with ballistic bidding for Echinacea's, Salvia Hot Lips and Scabiosa leading the way. Hebes continue to draw a host of interest from buyers across the board, with many different varieties to satisfy everybody's varying tastes. The cooler, damp weather is perfect for Heather sales, giving buyers confidence to bid without worrying they will dry out too quickly. Indoor Yuccas make a rare appearance in the market inspiring bidding battles aplenty.</p>			
Description	Per:	Average	Best
Cyclamen	10cm	£0.50	£0.70
Garden Mum XL	5L	£2.00	£3.00
Gold Crest	13cm	£1.30	£1.50
Heathers	13cm	£0.50	£0.60
Hebe	13cm	£1.80	£2.50
Ornithagalum	5L	£3.50	£5.00
Perennials	1.5L	£0.60	£1.50
Sambucus	2 Litre	£2.20	£2.80
Yucca	13cm	£1.10	£1.50
Zantedeschia	13cm	£1.00	£1.30

<u>FRUIT & VEGETABLES</u>			
<p>A plentiful supply of top quality fruit and vegetables continues to adorn the auction halls throughout the week. Pencil straight Runner Beans returns fall from their high point as supplies increase. Overall demand is affected by so many discerning greengrocers and market traders having their summer breaks. Local grown Bramley, Discovery and Howgate Wonder Apples are sought after, with their universal interest. As many growers report heavy yields of new season potatoes entries increase and prices received drop accordingly.</p>			
Description	Per:	Average	Best
Beetroot	Bunch	£0.30	£0.42
Cabbage - Savoy	12's	£2.10	£3.50
Carrots	Bunch	£0.40	£0.70
Cauliflower	6's	£1.20	£3.00
English Apples	1kg	£0.35	£0.60
Marrows	Each	£0.55	£0.30
Plums	1 Kg	£0.50	£0.75
Potatoes	25kg	£3.50	£5.00
Runner Beans	1kg	£0.50	£0.90
Tomatoes	5.4kg	£3.00	£4.00

WOULD VENDORS ENSURE THAT ALL PRODUCTS ENTERED INTO THE AUCTION ARE IDENTIFIED BY THEIR VENDOR NUMBER. VENDOR CARDS, WHICH MUST DETAIL THE DESCRIPTION, COUNT AND OR WEIGHT OF THE ITEMS ENTERED ARE AVAILABLE FROM RECEPTION.

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