



MARKET REPORT

FOR WEEK ENDING

1st September 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

CUT FLOWERS

An awesome array of flowers fills the auction halls this week. Delightful Delphiniums draw a host of bids from inspired buyers, helping them to land top spot in this week's charts. Oriental lily selections run them a close second as smitten buyers breathe in their heavenly intoxicating aroma, inclining them to bid with abandon. Statice and Helichrysum bunched bouquets see a volatile week for prices, with a variance in quality hampering returns. Local spray Chrysanthemums invite a healthy interest on Wednesday whilst Thursday tails off somewhat.

Description	Per:	Average	Best
Asters	Bunch	£0.40 -	£0.80
Chrysanthus Spray Dutch	Bunch	£0.90 -	£1.30
Chrysanthus Spray Local	Bunch	£0.50 -	£0.90
Dahlia	Bunch	£0.30 -	£0.70
Delphiniums	Bunch	£1.00 -	£1.50
Gladioli	Bunch	£0.35 -	£0.65
Oriental Lily	Bunch	£1.30 -	£1.80
Pinks	Bunch	£0.20 -	£0.35
Statice	Bunch	£0.50 -	£1.00

POT & GARDEN PLANTS

It's post-bank holiday and the auction halls are full of eager buyers looking to replenish plant stocks. Perennial assortments continue to attract avid bidders, even at this late stage of the season, with phenomenal flash of Phlox proving to be the highlight this week. Patio Cyclamen prices are strong on Wednesday, dipping slightly as Thursday arrives. The gap between average and premium quality six pack Pansies and Violas sees a widening of the prices returned. That said, there is plenty of interest for the best quality samples. An awe inspiring array of continental Alstroemerias creates a hullabaloo on the bidding floor.

Description	Per:	Average	Best
Alstroemeria	3 Litre	£2.20 -	£2.80
Azalea	13cm	£1.20 -	£1.70
Calluna	10cm	£0.40 -	£0.60
Cyclamen (Patio)	13cm	£0.50 -	£0.80
Garden Mum XXL	3 litre	£2.50 -	£3.00
Gold Crest (Wilma)	1 Litre	£1.50 -	£1.80
Hebe	1 Litre	£0.80 -	£1.50
Lavender	13cm	£0.40 -	£1.00
Pansy Six pack	Each	£0.06 -	£0.15
Phlox	13cm	£0.70 -	£1.20

FRUIT & VEGETABLES

As August draws to a close, a shortened week means a bumper selection of top quality fruit and vegetables is available. Pumpkins make their pre-seasonal debut during the week and are met by only a muted interest. Potatoes continue to meet a varied reception, with only a few samples breaking the three pounds a bag mark. Crisp, crunchy local grown Apples are in demand, with discerning greengrocers and market traders queuing up to secure at least a small offering of these healthy treats. Plum prices stay on an even keel with quality dictating best returns.

Description	Per:	Average	Best
Cabbage - Savoy	6's	£1.50 -	£2.50
Carrots	Bunch	£0.40 -	£0.80
Cauliflower	6's	£1.50 -	£2.50
English Apples	1kg	£0.30 -	£0.60
Leeks	4.5Kg	£3.50 -	£4.50
Onion 60/80	10kg	£1.50 -	£2.00
Potatoes	25kg	£2.50 -	£3.00
Pumpkin	Each	£0.80 -	£1.00
Red Beet	Bunch	£0.20 -	£0.30
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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