



MARKET REPORT

FOR WEEK ENDING

September 15, 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>			
Despite the continued presence of precipitation, flower sales are reasonably healthy, helped perhaps by high prices for all continental imported product. Local Spray Chrysanthemums are steady early doors, peaking on Thursday as optimistic buyers envisage sunny periods for the weekend trading. Gladioli continues to clear as bargain hunters pick up average entries leaving the cream for the connoisseurs. Dahlias provide returns across the price range due to an assortment of quality entries on show. Statice continues to command strong price returns for all quality entries.			
Description	Per:	Average	Best
Asters	Bunch	£0.70	£1.00
Chrysanthus Spray Dutch	Bunch	£0.90	£1.30
Chrysanthus Spray Local	Bunch	£0.50	£0.90
Dahlia	Bunch	£0.40	£0.80
Gladioli	Bunch	£0.35	£0.65
Oriental Lily	Bunch	£1.00	£1.50
Roses	Stem	£0.12	£0.20
Statice	Bunch	£0.50	£1.00

<u>POT & GARDEN PLANTS</u>			
The unsettled weather forces buyers to change tactics when it comes to purchasing, with nursery stock providing a safe haven. A humongous horde of Hebes creates a hullabaloo, with buyers bidding with abandon to secure their favourite colour selections. Ilex aquifolium, Ilex lawsoniana and Ilex Ferox are just three of the varieties of Holly drawing bids from all corners of the auction halls. Mixed Shrub assortments loaded with care cards are another line receiving healthy attention from eager bidders. Patio Cyclamen prices are steady, with buyers prepared to pay a little bit more for premier quality samples. Garden Chrysanthemum sales are flaccid.			
Description	Per:	Average	Best
Calluna	10cm	£0.40	£0.60
Cyclamen (Patio)	13cm	£0.45	£0.75
Gold Crest (Wilma)	1 Litre	£1.10	£1.50
Hebe	13cm	£1.00	£1.20
Holly (Ilex) Assorted	3 Litre	£2.30	£2.70
Hydrangea	5 Litre	£4.50	£5.50
Lavender	13cm	£0.40	£1.00
Mixed Shrubs	13cm	£1.00	£1.30
Pansy (Pot)	10cm	£0.12	£0.22
Penstemon	13cm	£0.50	£0.90

<u>FRUIT & VEGETABLES</u>			
The wet weekend hangs heavy in the minds of the discerning greengrocers and market traders on Monday, so despite a superb showing of top quality fruit and vegetables, trade is muted and at a slow pace. As we reach Wednesday demand and bids pick up, and most lines meet a greatly improved interest. Bunched Beetroot sells according to the sample on show, with best samples realising around thirty five pence a bunch. Bountiful supplies of bagged Onions mean buyers can afford to pick and choose their lots. As Potatoes make up half of the produce on show throughout the week, returns struggle to reach over three pounds a bag.			
Description	Per:	Average	Best
Cabbage - Savoy	6's	£1.80	£2.50
Cauliflower	6's	£1.50	£2.80
English Apples	1kg	£0.30	£0.50
Leeks	4.5Kg	£2.50	£3.00
Onion 60/80	10kg	£1.20	£1.50
Potatoes	25kg	£2.50	£3.00
Pumpkin	Each	£0.50	£1.00
Red Beet	Bunch	£0.25	£0.35
Sprouts	9Kg	£7.50	£8.20
Tomatoes	5.4kg	£3.30	£4.50

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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