



# MARKET REPORT

FOR WEEK ENDING

September 8, 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**

As the cooler nights draw in, many floral lines approach the end of their seasons, with a resultant dip in quality effecting a softening of price returns. Gladioli and Dahlias are two such lines, with price ranges widening between the lowest and highest dramatically. Volumes of Asters coming into the market are low, helping to keep prices on the up as buyers are unable to pick and choose their lots. Local Spray Chrysanthemums continue to clear daily due to a healthy demand. Prices for Statice and Helichrysum bunched Bouquets remain strong as buyers look for bold, bright flashy flowers.

Description	Per:	Average	Best
Asters	Bunch	£0.50 -	£0.90
Chrysanthus Spray Dutch	Bunch	£0.90 -	£1.30
Chrysanthus Spray Local	Bunch	£0.50 -	£0.90
Dahlia	Bunch	£0.30 -	£0.70
Gladioli	Bunch	£0.35 -	£0.65
Oriental Lily	Bunch	£1.50 -	£2.00
Pinks	Bunch	£0.20 -	£0.35
Roses	Stem	£0.12 -	£0.20
Statice	Bunch	£0.50 -	£1.00

**POT & GARDEN PLANTS**

With the late summer bank holiday now a distant memory and household budgets concentrated on the new school year, the plant trade pauses for breath, taking in a trade show or two along the way. Once again, late season Perennials in full flower attract plenty of attention from discerning bidders, with super Scabious this week's "de rigueur" plant. Patio Cyclamen sales remain on an even keel throughout the week, helped by the constant high quality on show. Gold Crest Wilmas sell well as the basket and tub planting season gets under way. Potted Pansies seem to be in favour this week, with buyers queuing up to bid.

Description	Per:	Average	Best
Alstromeria	3 litre	£2.00 -	£3.00
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	£1.10 -	£1.50
Hydrangea	5 litre	£4.50 -	£5.50
Lavender	13cm	£0.40 -	£1.00
Pansy (Pot)	10cm	£0.12 -	£0.25
Scabious	13cm	£1.00 -	£1.50

**FRUIT & VEGETABLES**

As we enter September, we see a slow, steady demand, with the buyers holding all the aces when it comes to buying, with so many lines on offer. Potatoes make up the lion's share of entries, so returns are around the three pounds a bag mark at best. A small offering of Sprouts are seen on Wednesday, and are one line drawing a host of interest and bids. As Plums finish their season discerning Greengrocers and Market Traders turn their attentions to crisp, crunchy Apples, as they look for an alternative healthy treat.

Description	Per:	Average	Best
Cabbage - Savoy	6's	£1.50 -	£2.50
Cauliflower	6's	£1.50 -	£2.00
English Apples	1kg	£0.30 -	£0.50
Leeks	4.5Kg	£2.50 -	£3.00
Onion 60/80	10kg	£1.50 -	£2.00
Potatoes	25kg	£2.50 -	£3.00
Pumpkin	Each	£0.50 -	£1.00
Red Beet	Bunch	£0.20 -	£0.30
Sprouts	9Kg	£7.50 -	£8.20
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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