



MARKET REPORT

FOR WEEK ENDING

October 6, 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

It seems like "groundhog week" as the sales trend follows last week's pattern. We see a slow start on Monday, coming to life as we reach the midweek point as buyers look to fill their shops and stalls for the weekend. Freshly cut, local spray Chrysanthemums make up the lion's share of entries with a varying quality on show providing product for the bargain buyers as well as the connoisseurs. A scintillating splash of Sunflowers shine bright, sparking bidding battles for all quality entries. Aster entries remain limited, helping to keep price returns strong. Pink sales are robust, with a healthy showing of pub, cafe and restaurant owners looking for table decorations.

Description	Per:	Average	Best
Asters	Bunch	£0.70	£1.00
Chrysanthus Spray Dutch	Bunch	£1.20	£1.50
Chrysanthus Spray Local	Bunch	£0.50	£1.00
Dahlia	Bunch	£0.40	£0.80
Gladioli	Bunch	£0.50	£0.70
Lily (Imported)	Bunch	£7.00	£8.00
Pinks	Bunch	£0.15	£0.40
Sunflower	Bunch	£0.70	£1.20

POT & GARDEN PLANTS

Nursery stock plants fare well this week, featuring highly on many buyers' wish lists. The glossy green leaved Laurel comes into it's own, with ballistic bidding for entries of all shapes and sizes. A cornucopia of Camelias captivates customers, with their swollen buds of flowers inspiring buyers to indulge. Primroses remain in demand, with all quality entries clearing daily. Midweek is the highlight for added value baskets, tubs and planters. Hydrangeas in an assortment of bold, bright colours continue to command the buyers' attentions. Patio Cyclamen prices are vulnerable this week, with an ever increasing entry stymieing buyers' appetites.

Description	Per:	Average	Best
Calluna	10 cm	£0.40	£0.60
Camelia	3 litre	£3.00	£4.00
Cyclamen (Patio)	10cm	£0.35	£0.65
Hebe Variegated	13 cm	£0.75	£1.00
Hydrangea	5 litre	£4.50	£5.50
Laurel	7 ½ Litre	£3.50	£4.50
Pansy (Pot)	10 cm	£0.12	£0.18
Primroses	10 cm	£0.35	£0.42
Taxus Baccatta	5 litre	£5.00	£6.00

FRUIT & VEGETABLES

The week once again starts at a slow steady pace, with buyers hoping for cooler weather to help their trade and extend shelf life. Growers also pin their hopes on more autumnal weather to slow the growth of Cabbage and Cauliflowers, as their present supplies vastly exceed demand. Wednesday sees an increase in trade as discerning greengrocers and market traders hope that darker nights encourage households to prepare more hot meals, garnished with local grown lines. As the Courgette season slows down, prices realised fall from their recent highs. Sprout stalks make their seasonal debut on Wednesday and are met by a host of interest and bids.

Description	Per:	Average	Best
Cabbage - Savoy	6's	£1.50	£2.00
Cauliflower	6's	£1.50	£2.50
Courgette	5kg	£2.00	£4.00
Leeks	4.5Kg	£2.50	£3.00
Onion 60/80	10kg	£1.20	£1.50
Potatoes	25kg	£2.50	£3.50
Pumpkin	Each	£0.40	£0.70
Sprout Stalks (Bundle)	5's	£2.00	£2.60
Sprouts	9Kg	£5.00	£7.00
Tomatoes	5.4kg	£4.00	£6.00

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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