



MARKET REPORT

FOR WEEK ENDING November 10, 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 begin the week on a steady note, with demand growing strongly on Wednesday, but running out of steam by Thursday. Once again Deco Bloom Chrysanthemums feature in the spotlight, with an immense Wednesday entry failing to dampen buyers' appetites as they jostle for space on the bidding floor. Local Spray Chrysanthemum volumes begin to increase, with a whole variety of new colours on show, peaking on Thursday. A late season Larkspur splash of colour has cock-a-hoop buyers bidding with a smile upon their faces. As volumes of Pinks begin to thin out, demand grows for premier quality entries.</p>			
Description	Per:	Average	Best
Carnations Spray	Bunch	£0.50	£0.60
Chrysanth Bloom	Bunch	£1.20	£2.20
Chrysanth Spray Dutch	Bunch	£0.90	£1.50
Chrysanth Spray Local	Bunch	£0.50	£1.00
Larkspur	Bunch	£0.40	£0.80
Oriental Lily	Stem	£0.14	£0.23
Pinks	Bunch	£0.20	£0.40

<u>POT & GARDEN PLANTS</u>			
<p>With just under seven weeks until Christmas, a few lucky buyers take the opportunity to get a short holiday in before the hustle and bustle of the festive season. Fortunately, volumes of plant entries are a bit lighter this week as many growers seem to anticipate this, helping to keep proceedings on an even keel. Primroses are in rude health, with strong price returns despite an increase in entries. Miniature patio Cyclamen are another plant line receiving a lot of attention for all quality samples, despite a large entry. Potted Hyacinths clear with ease. Nursery stock entries see a large gathering of interested buyers ready to swoop, with Blue Spruces featuring at the top of many wish lists.</p>			
Description	Per:	Average	Best
Alstroemeria	2 Litre	£1.50	£1.80
Blue Spruce	10 litre	£7.50	£9.50
Cyclamen (Patio)	9cm	£0.45	£0.75
Hebe Varieties	13cm	£0.60	£0.80
Hellebores	10cm	£1.00	£1.50
Hyac (Potted)	13cm	£1.20	£1.30
Pansy (Potted)	10cm	£0.20	£0.30
Primroses	10cm	£0.25	£0.45
Skimmia	9cm	£0.65	£0.75
Wallflower	Bunch	£0.45	£0.85

<u>FRUIT & VEGETABLES</u>			
<p>We start the week with only limited amounts of produce to be seen, due to the first harsh frost of the season hampering the harvest. A bulk entry of Cauliflower midweek, offered the buyers the upper hand to pick and choose which samples to show their affection. Limited offering of Sprouting Broccoli continues to be met by connoisseurs queuing up to bid. Dutch White, January King, Savoy, Tundra and Red Cabbage sell according to the samples on offer, with Savoy giving best rewards, due to limited entries and general stock available. Glasshouse grown New Potatoes also spark interest, with "Swift" the variety on offer.</p>			
Description	Per:	Average	Best
Cabbage - Dutch	10kg	£2.00	£2.50
Cabbage - Savoy	6's	£1.50	£2.30
Cauliflower	6's	£1.50	£1.80
Leeks	4.5Kg	£2.50	£3.00
Onion 60/80	10kg	£1.00	£1.50
Potatoes	25kg	£2.00	£3.00
Sprout Stalks (Bundle)	5's	£1.50	£2.00
Sprouting Broccoli	1Kg	£1.50	£2.00
Sprouts	9Kg	£4.50	£5.00
Tomatoes	5.4kg	£3.50	£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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