



MARKET REPORT

FOR WEEK ENDING

January 19, 2018

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

Flower sales pick up again for the start of a new week, with a healthy attendance of smiling buyers, all ready to go to work. A fantastic flash of local Daffodils shine brightly in the auction halls, inviting buyers to indulge. A tantalising trickle of Tulips inject a super splash of colour onto proceedings, with a sea of hands raised in the air for all quality entries. With reports of slim pickings on the Continent, prices are strong for all imported flowers. Dutch Spray Chrysanthemums return over two pounds per bunch, with avid buyers queuing up to bid. Storm David's presence over the United Kingdom on Wednesday night slows down Thursday's sales.

POT & GARDEN PLANTS

The emergence of the sun for more than a few moments brings a few more buyers out from the post Christmas hibernation. Primroses are the main benefactors as buyers finally begin to show an interest, helping to clear all entries daily. A delightful selection of dainty Cyclamen Coums, in full flower, draws gasps of excitement from smitten bidders. Potted bulbs feature highly on buyers' wish lists, with indoor Amaryllis and outdoor Tete-a-tete and Snowdrops battling for top position. On the Nursery stock selection, Photinia "Red Robin" and Camellias, fully laden with swollen flower buds, run each other neck and neck in popularity stakes. Larger potted Hellebores invite a host of bids.

FRUIT & VEGETABLES

Delicate Purple Sprouting Broccoli is one line receiving waves of bids and interest, due to limited entries and reports of even less imported Calabrese available on the away markets, therefore discerning greengrocers and market traders therefore look for something to fill the gap. A small smattering of Red Emmalie and Salad Blue Potatoes spark a blitzkrieg of bids, as buyers look for something a little different from the norm. As growers report bumper crops of Onions and Potatoes, trade is effected by bulk entries of both lines. Prices realised therefore fall away dramatically. Bagged Leeks continue to meet a variable demand, depending on the quality and availability.

Description	Per:	Average	Best
Carnations Spray	Bunch	£0.40 -	£0.70
Carnations Standard	Each	£0.20 -	£0.24
Chrysanthms Spray Dutch	Bunch	£1.80 -	£2.20
Daffodils	Bunch	£0.45 -	£0.75
Tulips	Bunch	£0.50 -	£0.80

Description	Per:	Average	Best
Amaryllis	13cm	£1.50 -	£1.70
Camelia	3 ltr	£2.50 -	£3.00
Cyclamen Coum	9cm	£0.70 -	£0.80
Fruit Trees (Bare Root)	Each	£4.50 -	£6.50
Hellebores	2 ltr	£2.00 -	£2.20
Leylandii Green	6ft	£6.50 -	£7.00
Photinia Red Robin	3 ltr	£4.00 -	£4.50
Primrose	9cm	£0.20 -	£0.30
Snowdrops (Potted)	10cm	£0.55 -	£0.75
Tete-a-Tete (Potted)	10cm	£0.40 -	£0.50

Description	Per:	Average	Best
Cabbage - Savoy	6's	£1.20 -	£1.50
Carrots Dirty	20kg	£4.00 -	£6.50
Cauliflower	6's	£1.50 -	£2.50
Celeriac	6's	£3.00 -	£3.50
Leeks	4.5kg	£2.00 -	£2.50
Onion 60/80	10kg	£1.00 -	£1.50
Potatoes	25kg	£1.50 -	£3.00
Sprout Stalks (Bundle)	5's	£1.00 -	£1.20
Sprouting Broccoli	1kg	£1.00 -	£2.00
Sprouts	9kg	£2.00 -	£3.00

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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