



MARKET REPORT

FOR WEEK ENDING

January 26, 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

A steady week for flower sales as last weekend's snow flurries hang heavy in the buyers' psyches. Prices for imported floral varieties are fairly resilient, whilst English Daffodils and Tulips see a softening in price returns as buyers are reluctant to overstock. Spray Carnation sales continue to tick over, although average prices soften slightly. Thursday sees a very thin attendance of flower lovers resulting in a disappointing end to the week.

Description	Per:	Average	Best
Carnations Spray	Bunch	£0.40 -	£0.60
Carnations Standard	Each	£0.20 -	£0.24
Chrysanthus Spray Dutch	Bunch	£1.80 -	£2.20
Daffodils	Bunch	£0.40 -	£0.60
Tulips	Bunch	£0.50 -	£0.70

POT & GARDEN PLANTS

Nursery stock plants and shrubs return to favour once more, as cautious buyers seek refuge in plants with longer shelf life. Conifers of all shapes, sizes and colours feature amongst the front runners, with Laurels running a close second. Bare rooted fruit and ornamental trees attract a host of bids with a healthy attendance of landscapers looking for instant planting selections. A cornucopia of Camellia continue to clear with ease. Potted bulb sales are a bit hit and miss, with Tete-a-Tete Narcissi favoured over Hyacinths. After finally finding favour last week, Primrose sales go limp, with a drop in prices across the board, only "Double" and "Victoria Lace" varieties prove the exception.

Description	Per:	Average	Best
Aubretia	13cm	£0.65 -	£0.75
Camellia	3 ltr	£2.50 -	£3.00
Fruit Trees (Bare Root)	Each	£4.50 -	£6.50
Hellebores	13cm	£1.20 -	£1.50
Leylandii Green	6ft	£6.50 -	£7.00
Photinia Red Robin	3 ltr	£4.00 -	£4.50
Potted Rose	3 Ltr	£1.50 -	£1.70
Primrose	9cm	£0.15 -	£0.40
Snowdrops (Potted)	10cm	£0.55 -	£0.75
Tete-a-Tete (Potted)	10cm	£0.40 -	£0.50

FRUIT & VEGETABLES

Seasonal deep Purple Sprouting Broccoli continues to sit atop of all buyers' wish lists, so therefore reaps the rewards of excellent returns. The distant cousin, the Cauliflower, met a very variable trade this week, with buyers putting quality before quantity. Leeks are slowly welcomed back in from the cold, with demand perking up after last weeks slight downward blip. "Highland Burgundy" and "Salad Blue" Potatoes both promoting the unique feature of deep colour throughout the sample, cook up a storm of bids. Buyers have the upper hand with all other varieties of Potatoes.

Description	Per:	Average	Best
Cabbage - Savoy	6's	£1.20 -	£1.50
Carrots Dirty	20kg	£4.00 -	£6.50
Cauliflower	6's	£1.50 -	£2.30
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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