



FOR WEEK ENDING

MARKET REPORT

SPECIALIST SERVICES TO THE HORTICULTURAL AND FLORIST INDUSTRY TRADE

January 5, 2018

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

With the Christmas Tree, Greetings Cards and other seasonal decorations packed away for another year, all things floral feature highly on buyers' wish lists. Perfect for empty early January mantelpieces and windows. A smashing splash of yellow & white local spray Chrysanthemums provide a perfect tonic. A dazzling display of local Daffodils help to bring a ray of sunshine into the auction halls on these dingy early New Year days, inspiring bidding battles as buyers look to secure their favourite varieties. A terrific touch of tantalising Tulips invite bids from all corners of the auction, despite their diminutive appearance.

Description	Per:	Average	Best
Carnations Spray	Bunch	£0.50 -	£0.70
Chrysanths Spray Local	Bunch	£0.70 -	£0.90
Daffodils	Bunch	£0.60 -	£0.90
Tulips	Bunch	£0.50 -	£0.60

POT & GARDEN PLANTS

A steady start to the New Year for plant sales, with a healthy attendance of buyers ready to get back into action. Nursery stock planting selections fare well, with olive green Laurels and bold, bright green Leylandii clearing with ease. Potted bulbs put in strong performances as buyers look for plants that don't have to be sold straight away. Amaryllis, Snowdrops, Hyacinths and Aconites are all amongst the varieties jostling for top spot. A herculean hullabaloo of Hellebores has admiring buyers bidding with abandon, due to their all round winter hardiness. Primrose prices are dictated by the quality on show

Description	Per:	Average	Best
Amaryllis	13cm	£1.20 -	£1.30
Hellebores	13cm	£0.90 -	£1.20
Hyac (Potted)	13cm	£1.00 -	£1.40
Laurel	7.5L	£4.00 -	£4.50
Leylandii Green	6ft	£6.50 -	£7.00
Orchid	13cm	£1.30 -	£2.50
Primrose	9cm	£0.20 -	£0.30
Snowdrops (Potted)	10cm	£0.60 -	£0.70
Tete-a-Tete (Potted)	10cm	£0.40 -	£0.60

FRUIT & VEGETABLES

"Is it meat & two vegetables for dinner?" "Or are we having a takeaway?" These are decisions affecting the produce sales in this first week post Christmas, as hesitant buyers are unsure what lines to plump for. First the brighter news: Celeriac & dirty Carrots receive a host of bids from avid buyers, perhaps due to their longer shelf lives? Whilst nowhere near their pre-Christmas highs, Purple Sprouting Broccoli prices are still relatively healthy for all quality entries. The not quite so bright news includes Savoy & January King Cabbages clearing at slightly reduced prices, lower volumes of Leeks clearing daily, whilst Onions & Potatoes provide a challenge, even for exceptional quality entries.

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	£2.70 -	£3.00
Leeks	4.5kg	£2.00 -	£3.00
Onion 60/80	10kg	£1.00 -	£1.50
Potatoes	25kg	£1.50 -	£3.50
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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