



MARKET REPORT

FOR WEEK ENDING February 16, 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 start the week on a high note, but drop off on Valentine's day. Local Daffodils make up the lion's share of flowers on show, with a superb entry of indoor and outdoor varieties available. Indoor prices begin to falter at the lower end of the quality spectrum, whilst premier quality samples continue to return high prices. Although outdoor entries struggle to show any length in their stems, prices are fair despite ever increasing volumes. Tulips put in a brief appearance on Monday and Wednesday with sales shelves bare on Thursday. Imported varieties prove prohibitive.

POT & GARDEN PLANTS

Plant sales continue to steadily improve as buyers begin to feel Spring beckoning. We see a lot more Primrose entries, leading buyers to favour the more unusual colour selections on show. A smashing splurge of Hellebores in all colours, shapes and sizes are a hit this week with discerning customers. Another early spring favourite, the Aubrietia marks its debut with a bidding bonanza. With gardens ablaze with White, potted Snowdrops hit a peak, as all quality entries are cleared daily. Potted Tete-a-Tete sales are robust, especially so for well presented entries carrying care cards. An immense inkling of Ivies fly off the shelves as the artisans gather raw product for spring baskets and bowls.

FRUIT & VEGETABLES

A wide selection of produce to be seen throughout the week, allows buyers to pick and choose their purchases. Limited offerings of both Cauliflower and Purple Sprouting Broccoli jostle for the top spot on discerning greengrocers and market traders wish lists. Old winter favourites January King and Tundra Cabbage alongside bagged Leeks and Parsnips also draw a host of interest and bids. Savoy Cabbage on the other hand struggles to register any favour, even at vastly reduced prices. Both Onion and Potato growers pay the price, with supplies exceeding demand.

Description	Per:	Average	Best
Bouquet (Mixed)	Bunch	£1.80	£2.60
Carnations Spray	Bunch	£0.40	£0.60
Chrysanthus Spray Dutch	Bunch	£1.90	£2.50
Daffodils Indoor	Bunch	£0.45	£0.85
Daffodils Outdoor	Bunch	£0.15	£0.25
Roses Mixed	Bunch	£1.00	£1.50
Roses Red	Bunch	£0.20	£0.30
Tulips	Bunch	£0.50	£0.90

Description	Per:	Average	Best
Aubretia	13cm	£0.50	£0.70
Conifers (Assorted)	10 Ltr	£3.50	£5.00
Hellebores	12cm	£1.50	£2.70
Ivy	9cm	£0.35	£0.45
Magnolia	7½ Ltr	£6.00	£6.40
Pansy (Pot)	9cm	£0.12	£0.25
Primroses	10cm	£0.20	£0.40
Rosemary	12cm	£1.00	£1.20
Snowdrops (Potted)	10cm	£0.55	£0.65
Tete-a-Tete (Potted)	10cm	£0.30	£0.55

Description	Per:	Average	Best
Cabbage - Savoy	6's	£1.50	£2.00
Carrots Dirty	20kg	£4.00	£6.50
Cauliflower	6's	£3.00	£5.00
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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