



# MARKET REPORT

FOR WEEK ENDING

February 2, 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**

With daylight hours still relatively low, volumes of local flowers are thin, helping to keep price returns healthy. Local indoor Daffodil prices grow stronger as the week progresses, reaching a crescendo as we hit Thursday. A small showing of local outdoor Daffodils has excited buyers drawn into bidding frenzies as they battle to secure their favourite lots. Entries of local Tulips are on the slim side as growers report slow growth due to limited light volumes. Imported varieties of flowers command high prices in the run up to Valentine's day.

Description	Per:	Average	Best
Carnations Spray	Bunch	£0.30 -	£0.60
Carnations Standard	Each	£0.20 -	£0.24
Chrysanthus Spray Dutch	Bunch	£1.80 -	£2.20
Daffodils Indoor	Bunch	£0.50 -	£0.80
Daffodils Outdoor	Bunch	£0.25 -	£0.32
Eucalyptus	Bunch	£1.50 -	£2.50
Tulips	Bunch	£0.50 -	£0.70

**POT & GARDEN PLANTS**

The advent of the month of February brings a few more faces into the auction halls providing a boost for plant sales. Despite an ever increasing supply of Primroses, prices rise from the doldrums with all quality entries clearing daily. With a few additional colours, other than the ubiquitous white, coming online, Hellebore sales find a renewed vigour. Potted Snowdrops, Aconites and Bluebells, all perfect for naturalising attract a host of bids throughout the week. Potted Roses are this week's stand out Nursery stock selection, with Hybrid Teas, Floribundas, as well as Climbing varieties all proving popular. All Conifers sell with ease this week.

Description	Per:	Average	Best
Aubretia	13cm	£0.70 -	£0.90
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	£0.20 -	£0.40
Rhododendron	5 Ltr	£5.00 -	£6.00
Snowdrops (Potted)	10cm	£0.55 -	£0.75

**FRUIT & VEGETABLES**

A difficult week to report on with prices fluctuating wildly and buyers uncertain which quality lines to offer their love and bids to. Despite more delicate Purple Sprouting Broccoli being available, all samples clear daily and receive a hero's welcome from discerning greengrocers and market traders. Cauliflowers receive a host of interest, with only limited entries to be seen. Pencil straight Leeks also feature highly on buyers' wish lists and clear daily. "Red Emmalie" and "Salad Blue" continue to garner the most interest in a full section of Potatoes.

Description	Per:	Average	Best
Cabbage - Savoy	6's	£1.20 -	£1.50
Carrots Dirty	20kg	£4.00 -	£6.50
Cauliflower	6's	£1.80 -	£2.50
Celeriac	6's	£3.00 -	£3.50
Leeks	4.5kg	£2.00 -	£2.50
Onions 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.

**SPALDING AUCTION**

ENTERPRISE WAY, SPALDING, LINCS, PE11 3YR

TEL: (01775) 723333  
 FAX: (01775) 712495  
 E-MAIL: [info@spaldingauction.co.uk](mailto:info@spaldingauction.co.uk)

PLEASE VIEW OUR ATTACHED DETAILS ON THE NEW HEALTH SCREENING SERVICE WITH THE LINCOLNSHIRE RURAL SUPPORT NETWORK.