



# MARKET REPORT

FOR WEEK ENDING March 9, 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**

It's a floral heaven for all lovers of flowers this week, with a lip licking assortment decking out the auction halls. A tantalising trickle of tulips has the auctioneer's brain ticking over nicely with trolley after trolley going under the hammer. Indoor Daffodil prices receive a boost this week as buyers look for perfect Mother's day assortments. As Outdoor varieties are in short supply, prices rocket for any entries showing a decent length, with a healthy throng of avid bidders holding their hands high in the air. International Ladies Day falls on March 8th this year, creating a price spike for all imported entries.

Description	Per:	Average	Best
Bouquets (mixed)	Bunch	£3.50	£6.00
Carnations Spray	Bunch	£0.70	£0.80
Chrysanthus Spray Dutch	Bunch	£2.20	£3.00
Daffodils Indoor	Bunch	£0.16	£0.66
Daffodils Outdoor	Bunch	£0.50	£0.85
Tulips	Bunch	£0.50	£0.90

**POT & GARDEN PLANTS**

With the "Beast from the East" sent packing just in time for Mother's Day we welcome a healthy attendance of jolly souls all ready to put last week behind them. Colour is the order of the week, with Primroses featuring highly on many buyers' wish lists. Double and Novelty varieties in particular fare well. A Herculean heaven of Hydrangeas prove perfect for the coming weekend, sparking bidding battles throughout the auction. A superb selection of baskets and tubs all assembled by our most talented artisans, are snapped up before the blink of an eye. Camelias, fully laden with buds, draw a host of bids from smitten buyers.

Description	Per:	Average	Best
Aubretia	13cm	£0.70	£0.90
Basket Plants	10cm	£0.50	£0.75
Buxus	1 Ltr	£1.00	£1.10
Camelia	3 Ltr	£3.00	£4.00
Hellebores	12cm	£1.00	£2.00
Hydrangea	2 Ltr	£1.50	£2.50
Magnolia	7½ Ltr	£5.50	£6.00
Planted Bowls	Each	£2.50	£7.50
Primrose	10cm	£0.18	£0.35
Tete-a-Tete (Potted)	10cm	£0.30	£0.50

**FRUIT & VEGETABLES**

What a difference a week makes, after the "Beast from the East" gripped the whole of the United Kingdom, with many markets closed due to the adverse weather conditions. Growers try their best to spark interest with the last few remaining Leeks of the season. The Brassica family is represented by Purple and very limited White Sprouting Broccoli, and also delicate small Cauliflowers, with all three lines jostling to take top spot in discerning buyers' wish lists. As supplies of Red Potatoes ease back this week, demand is brisk and well graded, bold samples steal a march on all other entries.

Description	Per:	Average	Best
Cabbage - Savoy	6's	£1.00	£1.20
Carrots Dirty	20kg	£8.00	£10.00
Cauliflower	6's	£2.50	£3.30
Celeriac	6's	£3.00	£3.50
Leeks	4.5kg	£3.00	£4.00
Onion 60/80	10kg	£1.50	£1.80
Potatoes (Red)	25kg	£3.00	£5.00
Potatoes (White)	25kg	£1.80	£2.00
Sprouting Broccoli	1kg	£1.20	£1.80
Sprouts	9kg	£3.00	£3.80

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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