



MARKET REPORT

FOR WEEK ENDING

April 13, 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

Daffodils remain the focal point for floral fanciers this week, with double and scented varieties in the ascendancy. In the top spot is a superb showing of "Great Leap", with admiring buyers queuing up to bid with abandon. With very little to show in the form of English flowers, it's up to the Continental entries to plug the gap. As Easter passes, prices are more buyer friendly with a healthy demand for spray Chrysanthemums helping to clear all entries. A large entry of bunched Dendrobium Orchids spark a bidding frenzy as buyers look for a touch of the exotic.

POT & GARDEN PLANTS

With the Meteorological office predicting temperatures over twenty degrees centigrade next week, plant sales continue to improve rapidly. Basket and Bedding plant sales are brisk midweek, with Surfinias and Fuchsias performing well, whilst Zonal Geraniums mark their debut with a bang, drawing bids from all corners of the auction halls. With a large increase of entries of Dicentras, prices ease back slightly. A whooping parade of potted Pieris fails to dampen the buyers' appetites, inviting a host of bids from admirers. Potted Amaryllis clear daily. Cineraria Senetti prices remain steady despite an increase in entries.

FRUIT & VEGETABLES

As we return to a full week of trading, prices fluctuate wildly throughout the week, with many lines up one moment, only to crash back down with a bump the next. The continuing current cold snap affects supplies of Rhubarb entered into the auction, helping prices to climb. With volumes of Cauliflowers on the low side, strong demand results in healthy returns for all quality entries. With whispers of old season Potato prices rising on the away markets, growers enter extra bags into the auction, in a vain hope of cashing in. New season Potatoes continue to grow at a very slow rate.

Description	Per:	Average	Best
Bouquets (mixed)	Bunch	£1.30 -	£1.80
Carnations Spray	Bunch	£0.40 -	£0.70
Chrysanths Spray Dutch	Bunch	£1.50 -	£2.00
Daffodils Outdoor	Bunch	£0.15 -	£0.35
Dendrobium Orchid	Bunch	£0.60 -	£0.80
Freesia	Bunch	£1.50 -	£2.50
Rose	Stem	£0.15 -	£0.25
Tulips	Bunch	£0.50 -	£0.80

Description	Per:	Average	Best
Amaryllis (Potted)	13cm	£1.00 -	£1.20
Basket Plants	10cm	£0.40 -	£0.70
Cineraria Senetti	2 Ltr	£1.00 -	£1.50
Clematis	2 Ltr	£1.75 -	£2.00
Dicentra	2 Ltr	£1.00 -	£1.80
Geranium Zonal	13cm	£0.70 -	£1.20
Hydrangea Mixed	15cm	£2.00 -	£3.00
Phormium	2 Ltr	£3.00 -	£4.00
Pieris	1 Ltr	£1.00 -	£1.50
Rhododendron	7½ Ltr	£4.00 -	£6.00

Description	Per:	Average	Best
Cabbage - Savoy	6's	£1.00 -	£1.50
Carrots Dirty	20kg	£5.00 -	£7.00
Cauliflower	6's	£2.00 -	£4.00
Celeriac	6's	£2.80 -	£3.20
Leeks	4.5kg	£2.50 -	£3.50
Onion 60/80	10kg	£1.50 -	£1.80
Potatoes	25kg	£2.00 -	£3.00
Rhubarb	9kg	£8.00 -	£10.00
Sprouting Broccoli	4.5kg	£3.00 -	£4.00
Sprouts	9kg	£2.00 -	£4.00

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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