



MARKET REPORT

FOR WEEK ENDING

March 30, 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

The auction halls are a joy to behold in the run up to the long weekend ahead, with a super splash of colour brightening up proceedings. At last! We see a full flush of local outdoor Daffodils as temperatures rise just enough for Easter floral selections and festivities. A wonderful range of varying grades of Tulips provide a perfect tonic for bargain basement sellers and connoisseurs alike. Strong prices on the Continent mean only very limited entries for all flower varieties, resulting in clearance across the board.

Description	Per:	Average	Best
Bouquets (mixed)	Bunch	£1.50 -	£2.00
Carnations Spray	Bunch	£0.70 -	£0.80
Chrysanthus Spray Dutch	Bunch	£2.20 -	£3.00
Daffodils Outdoor	Bunch	£0.15 -	£0.35
Tulips	Bunch	£0.50 -	£0.90

POT & GARDEN PLANTS

The plant trade continues to improve for certain categories, with Nursery stock, shrubs and more robust planting varieties fairing well, whilst basket and bedding plants sales struggle to get going. Dicentras, Peonies and Lupins are three perennial varieties attracting a host of bids, whilst Aubretia and Arabis fail to inspire hardly any affection. Miniature potted Pieris feature highly in the shrub buying chart, with Clematis climbing nearer the top. A phenomenal flash of Phalaenopsis Orchids inspire a bidding frenzy on the auction floor. Cineraria Senettis come into their own with the fantastic floral colours inviting bids from all corners of the auction halls. Any potted bulbs prove to be a challenge, with uninterested buyers turning their backs.

Description	Per:	Average	Best
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	£1.20 -	£1.70
Lupin	13cm	£0.70 -	£1.20
Peony (Potted)	2 Ltr	£1.80 -	£2.30
Phalaenopsis	13cm	£2.50 -	£2.80
Photinia Red Robin	2 Ltr	£2.40 -	£2.80
Pieris	1 Ltr	£1.00 -	£1.30
Rhododendron	7½ Ltr	£4.00 -	£6.00

FRUIT & VEGETABLES

After the poor start to the week, we witness a remarkable change in both the amounts entered into the auction and the interest shown. The seasonal debut of local grown, Rhubarb, has connoisseurs queuing up to bid in an attempt to secure at least a small showing of this new season line. Despite many growers saying they had finished their Leek season, we continue to see supplies being snapped up at near record prices. As Potato growers try to move extra samples through the auction, buyers hold all the aces and can afford to pick and choose which varieties to show their love and bids to.

Description	Per:	Average	Best
Cabbage - Savoy	6's	£1.00 -	£1.20
Carrots Dirty	20kg	£5.00 -	£7.00
Cauliflower	6's	£3.50 -	£5.80
Celeriac	6's	£2.80 -	£3.20
Leeks	4.5kg	£3.00 -	£4.50
Onion 60/80	10kg	£1.50 -	£1.80
Potatoes	25kg	£2.00 -	£3.00
Rhubarb	9kg	£15.00 -	£20.00
Sprouting Broccoli	4.5kg	£4.00 -	£9.00
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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