



MARKET REPORT

FOR WEEK ENDING April 6, 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

April's arrival heralds new waves of local Daffodil varieties, with scented and double flowering selections including "Bridal Crown", "Apotheose" and "Geranium" joining the old favourite trumpeted varieties "Carlton", "Ice Follies" and "Fortune" delighting those with the "Narcissi knowledge". Tulips continue to tempt buyers to raise their hands, with a fantastic flush of psychedelic colours a feast for the eyes. A bounty of Bouquets continue to clear daily, despite heavy volumes.

POT & GARDEN PLANTS

As Spring looks ever closer to dawning, plant sales continue to gradually improve. Basket and Bedding plants start to catch the buyers' eyes, with nearly all entries selling daily. On the Perennial front, Dicentra and Peony prices strengthen, perhaps in part due to their foliage appearing slowly in borders across the land. A fascinating flash of Phormiums are the shining light on the Nursery stock list, with a bidding frenzy erupting on the auction floor. A ravishing range of Rhododendrons has the auctioneers counting at a rollicking pace, with a sea of hands raised in unison into the air to catch their attention. Fully coloured Hydrangeas take top spot for indoor selections.

FRUIT & VEGETABLES

A shortened week of trading throws the buyers off track, helping to boost the Thursday trade with a strong demand for all quality entries. No one line takes overall top spot in the buyers' wish lists, as they appear uncertain where to show all their love and bids. Unfortunately interest in Rhubarb falls dramatically as away markets are over supplied with cheap imported Dutch samples. Brassica lines including Cauliflowers and both Purple and White Sprouting Broccoli are affected by growing supplies exceeding demand. With no signs of any new Potatoes arriving for at least a couple of weeks, buyers seek out well presented, uniform samples of red old season Potatoes instead.

Description	Per:	Average	Best
Bouquets (mixed)	Bunch	£1.30 -	£1.80
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 -	£0.80

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 -	£2.00
Hydrangea Mixed	15cm	£2.00 -	£3.00
Lupin	13cm	£0.70 -	£1.20
Peony (Potted)	2 Ltr	£2.00 -	£3.00
Phormium	2 Ltr	£3.00 -	£4.00
Pieris	1 Ltr	£1.00 -	£1.30
Rhododendron	7½ Ltr	£4.00 -	£6.00

Description	Per:	Average	Best
Cabbage - Savoy	6's	£1.00 -	£1.20
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 -	£5.00
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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