



MARKET REPORT

FOR WEEK ENDING June 1, 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 hall is a joy to behold this week, rammed full of floral delights of all shapes and sizes. Delphiniums hold centre stage with keen bidding on both days. Scented Stocks see a vast range for price returns, as buyers favour entries packed in threes rather than in fives. Local Pinks are the latest local line making a belated seasonal debut, bringing a smile to the added value bidders. The warmer weather results in a bumper entry of Sweet Williams, alas, they have to play second fiddle to the great outdoors as everyone looks to get out into the garden.

POT & GARDEN PLANTS

Marvellous May makes hay, with a cracking Bank holiday weekend resulting in empty shelves and stalls all waiting to be freshly refilled. As basket plant volumes begin to ease, prices rocket for many varieties, especially Calibracho "Million Bells", "Surfinia", Petunias and both Non stop and "Illumination" trailing Begonias. A delightful display of dashing dahlias has bidding battles erupting daily, with dark leaf varieties particularly popular. This week's star impact plants are a super showing of "Olea Europa" Olive trees, resplendent with shimmering grey leaves flickering in the breeze.

FRUIT & VEGETABLES

As we reach the end of May, it's a case of "quality over quantity" with produce auction entries. Two new seasonal lines in the form of bitter sweet "Gooseberries" and delicate, super sweet "Strawberries" make their debut this week and are met by a host of interest and bids. Cauliflower trade varies depending on the sample and variety on offer, with a single box of Summer variety entered on Thursday, making very good money. New season Potato trade rides the rollercoaster, with prices up and down according to the variety on sale, with the chipping and boiling "Maris Bard" the most sought after.

Description	Per:	Average	Best
Chrysanthus Spray Dutch	Bunch	£1.80 -	£2.00
Delphinium	Bunch	£1.20 -	£1.60
Freesia	Bunch	£1.50 -	£2.50
Iris	Bunch	£0.30 -	£0.40
Pinks	Bunch	£0.20 -	£0.30
Stocks	Bunch	£0.50 -	£0.90
Sweet Williams	Bunch	£0.30 -	£0.70
Tulips	Bunch	£0.35 -	£0.60

Description	Per:	Average	Best
Basket Plants	10cm	£0.50 -	£1.20
Bedding (Six pack)	Each	£0.14 -	£0.25
Dahlia	1 Ltr	£1.00 -	£1.70
Dianthus	13cm	£0.80 -	£1.00
Freesia	13cm	£1.10 -	£1.60
Geranium Zonal	13cm	£0.80 -	£1.60
Hanging baskets	Each	£4.00 -	£9.00
Margarite	13cm	£0.70 -	£1.00
New Guinea Impatiens	13cm	£0.90 -	£1.00
Olive Tree (XXL)	Each	£120.00 -	£200.00

Description	Per:	Average	Best
Asparagus	227g	£0.60 -	£1.00
Cabbage - Duncan	14's	£1.80 -	£2.50
Carrots	Bunch	£0.80 -	£1.20
Cauliflower	6's	£2.00 -	£3.50
Gooseberry	227g	£0.80 -	£1.00
Onion 60/80	10kg	£1.50 -	£1.80
Potatoes - New Season	25kg	£30.00 -	£70.00
Red Beet	Bunch	£0.80 -	£1.20
Rhubarb	9kg	£2.50 -	£3.50
Strawberries	454g	£0.90 -	£1.20

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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