



MARKET REPORT

FOR WEEK ENDING May 11, 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

Flower sales are in a state of flux this week as growers and buyers alike are frustrated by the slow growth of English varieties. Those growers who do succeed in producing, are rewarded by excellent price returns as desperate buyers queue up to bid for the few Stocks and Sweet Williams available. Tulip prices are steady due to the warm weather, whilst early season Iris fare slightly better due to their recent appearance.

Description	Per:	Average	Best
Carnations Spray	Bunch	£0.40 -	£0.60
Chrysanthus Spray Dutch	Bunch	£1.50 -	£2.00
Freesia	Bunch	£1.50 -	£2.50
Iris	Bunch	£0.30 -	£0.40
Stocks	Bunch	£1.20 -	£1.60
Sweet Williams	Bunch	£1.10 -	£1.50
Tulips	Bunch	£0.40 -	£0.50

POT & GARDEN PLANTS

The settled May weather provides a feeling of confidence for plant sales, with emboldened buyers throwing off their shackles and building up their stocks. Basket plant sales are buoyant for all varieties, with Non stop and Trailing Begonias going over the one pound per plant mark due to strong demand. Bedding pack plant sales are carried along on the crest of a wave with Begonia Semperflorens and Impatiens this week's star performers. Arum Lilies draw bids from all corners of the auction room despite an immense entry on both days. Reports of an imminent shortage of Zonal Geraniums helps to keep bidders raising their hands to the heavens.

Description	Per:	Average	Best
Arum Lily	10 Ltr	£8.00 -	£11.00
Basket Plants	10cm	£0.40 -	£1.00
Bedding (Six pack)	Each	£0.14 -	£0.25
Buxus Ball	Each	£7.50 -	£30.00
Dicentra	2 Ltr	£1.00 -	£1.80
Geranium Zonal	13cm	£1.00 -	£1.40
Gold Crest	13cm	£1.50 -	£2.00
Hanging baskets	Each	£5.00 -	£9.50
Rhododendron	7½ Ltr	£4.00 -	£6.00
Tomato plants	10cm	£0.30 -	£0.50

FRUIT & VEGETABLES

A shortened week due to the May Bank Holiday. Supplies of Cauliflowers become limited, with supplies being badly affected by the heat wave causing their cropping to be nearly halved. "Casablanca", "Maris Bard" and "Swift" new season Potatoes are joined by "Rocket" with all varieties receiving a host of bids and interest. Bunched Carrots along with Bunched baby Red Beet, feature highly on discerning greengrocers and market traders wish lists. Trade for old season Potatoes is non existent.

Description	Per:	Average	Best
Asparagus	227g	£0.80 -	£1.50
Cabbage - Duncan	14's	£3.00 -	£4.00
Cauliflower	6's	£2.00 -	£3.00
Celeriac	6's	£2.80 -	£3.20
Leeks	4.5kg	£2.20 -	£3.20
Onion 60/80	10kg	£1.50 -	£1.80
Potatoes	25kg	£1.50 -	£2.00
Potatoes - New Season	1kg	£2.00 -	£2.50
Rhubarb	9kg	£3.00 -	£5.00

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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