



MARKET REPORT

FOR WEEK ENDING **May 25, 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

| <u>CUT FLOWERS</u> | | | |
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| The warmer weather brings a new flush of flowers, with increasing volumes throughout the week. A delightful dash of delicate Delphiniums dance a dainty jig in front of dazzled buyers, inviting them to bid with abandon. Tulip prices are reasonably strong at the beginning of the week, fading as the weekend approaches. Varying quality for Sweet Williams entries results in a vast range in price returns, with a huge entry on Thursday giving buyers the upper hand. Demand for Stocks is volatile as buyers turn their attentions to outdoor plants just in time for the Bank holiday weekend. | | | |
| Description | Per: | Average | Best |
| Chrysanthus Spray Dutch | Bunch | £1.30 | £1.80 |
| Delphiinium | Bunch | £1.50 | £1.70 |
| Freesia | Bunch | £1.50 | £2.50 |
| Iris | Bunch | £0.30 | £0.40 |
| Stocks | Bunch | £0.50 | £0.90 |
| Sweet Williams | Bunch | £0.30 | £0.70 |
| Tulips | Bunch | £0.35 | £0.60 |
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| <u>POT & GARDEN PLANTS</u> | | | |
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| The impending Bank holiday weekend brings hordes of keen buyers into the auction halls, all attempting to win their favourite lots. Reports of a looming shortage for basket and bedding plants results in strong prices for all quality entries. Zonal Geraniums continue to garner healthy interest, despite a slight increase in entries, helped by warmer night time temperatures. The first New Guinea Impatiens of the season inspire a bidding frenzy amongst smitten bidders. Despite a colossal entry of Rhododendrons on Wednesday, prices remain strong, with all quality entries clearing. | | | |
| Description | Per: | Average | Best |
| Basket Plants | 10cm | £0.50 | £1.10 |
| Bedding (Six pack) | Each | £0.14 | £0.25 |
| Dianthus | 13cm | £0.80 | £1.00 |
| Freesia | 13cm | £1.30 | £1.70 |
| Geranium Zonal | 13cm | £1.00 | £1.40 |
| Hanging baskets | Each | £4.00 | £9.00 |
| Margarite | 13cm | £0.70 | £1.00 |
| Mint (Potted) | 13cm | £0.80 | £1.10 |
| New Guinea Impatiens | 13cm | £0.90 | £1.00 |
| Rhododendron | 7½ Ltr | £4.00 | £8.00 |

| <u>FRUIT & VEGETABLES</u> | | | |
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| Trade fluctuates according to the samples on offer. Buyers are wary of over stocking on any one line with the variable Bank holiday weekend weather playing heavy on their minds. A superb showing of Cauliflowers on Thursday breaks the trend of limited demand, with discerning Greengrocers and Market Traders queuing up to bid in an attempt of securing at least a showing of these exceptional well presented samples. As more New season Potatoes become available, prices previously realised, fall away alarmingly. | | | |
| Description | Per: | Average | Best |
| Asparagus | 227g | £0.60 | £1.20 |
| Cabbage - Duncan | 14's | £1.80 | £2.80 |
| Carrots | Bunch | £0.80 | £1.20 |
| Cauliflower | 6's | £1.50 | £4.10 |
| Celeriac | 6's | £2.80 | £3.20 |
| Leeks | 4.5kg | £2.00 | £2.50 |
| Onion 60/80 | 10kg | £1.50 | £1.80 |
| Potatoes - New Season | 25kg | £30.00 | £70.00 |
| Red Beet | Bunch | £0.80 | £1.00 |
| Rhubarb | 9kg | £2.80 | £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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