



# 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**

Flower sales receive a boost in the form of the new varieties coming on line, with cracking Cornflowers and peacock proud Peonies adding a splash of panache to proceedings. Delphiniums enjoy a good run this week, with demand growing as the days progress, reaching a crescendo on Thursday. Sweet William prices are volatile, as demand ebbs & flows, with Wednesdays performance the highlight of the week. Local Pinks clear with ease, helped by the high quality on show for all entries. Continental flower prices are steady for the time of year, with the exception of Chrysanthemums, which seem to be in short supply.

**POT & GARDEN PLANTS**

A huge entry of plants fills the auction halls this week, with standing room at a premium. Basket & bedding plants remain strong for quality entries, with Begonias of all varieties garnering healthy interest throughout the week. A lovely line of luscious Lupins created a brouhaha amongst the bidders following their recent appearance at the Chelsea Flower Show, with battles on all days. New Guinea Impatiens are another colourful plant inspiring bids, bids, bids and more bids. Summer time approaches and the entomologists favourite, the Sarracenia fly traps appear, drawing gasps of admiration from smitten buyers.

**FRUIT & VEGETABLES**

A reduction in volumes, combines with an improvement in quality, to provide a little sparkle to the produce trade. As we wave goodbye to old season Cauliflowers, new season Summer varieties enter with a bang, drawing bids from all corners of the auction halls. "Sweetheart" brassicas are the Queens of the Cabbages this week, with ballistic bidding for all quality entries. The salad buyers are in seventh heaven, with a super showing of bunched baby Carrots and bunched Beetroot "just the ticket". The first English Strawberries of the season has lip licking buyers queuing up to bid with abandon.

Description	Per:	Average	Best
Chrysanth Spray Dutch	Bunch	£1.80 -	£2.00
Cornflower	Bunch	£0.40 -	£0.50
Delphinium	Bunch	£0.80 -	£1.80
Iris	Bunch	£0.30 -	£0.40
Peony	Bunch	£0.90 -	£1.20
Pinks	Bunch	£0.20 -	£0.30
Sweet Williams	Bunch	£0.30 -	£1.00

Description	Per:	Average	Best
Basket Plants	10cm	£0.50 -	£1.20
Bedding (Six pack)	Each	£0.10 -	£0.25
Dahlia	1 Ltr	£1.00 -	£1.70
Geranium Zonal	13cm	£0.80 -	£1.30
Hanging baskets	Each	£4.00 -	£9.00
Hydrangea	2 Ltr	£2.50 -	£3.50
Lupins	2 Ltr	£1.50 -	£2.00
New Guinea Impatiens	13cm	£0.90 -	£1.30
Sarracenia (Fly traps)	13cm	£1.00 -	£2.00
Zantedeschia	13cm	£1.00 -	£1.30

Description	Per:	Average	Best
Asparagus	227g	£0.60 -	£1.00
Cabbage - Sweetheart	14's	£4.00 -	£5.00
Carrots	Bunch	£0.80 -	£1.00
Cauliflower	6's	£4.00 -	£5.00
Gooseberry	227g	£0.80 -	£1.00
Onion 60/80	10kg	£1.50 -	£1.80
Potatoes - New Season	25kg	£10.00 -	£20.00
Red Beet	Bunch	£0.80 -	£1.20
Rhubarb	9kg	£2.50 -	£3.50
Strawberries	454g	£1.00 -	£1.50

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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