



LIMITED  
FOR WEEK ENDING

# MARKET REPORT

SPECIALIST SERVICES TO THE HORTICULTURAL AND FLORIST INDUSTRY TRADE

September 14, 2018

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 flower trade has a hiccup on Monday, with only a muted demand for some floral varieties. Local spray Chrysanthemums in particular see a price dip early in the week, recovering nicely by Wednesday and on into Thursday. An astounding Aster assortment has avid bidders chomping at the bit as they battle for their favourite lots. Statice and Helichrysum Bouquets see prices grow as the week progresses, with ballistic bidding on Thursday despite a large entry. After the long hot summer it seems as though the different varieties of Sunflowers have all hit their peak at once, allowing buyers to pick and choose their lots.

Description	Per:	Average	Best
Asters	Bunch	£0.80	£1.10
Chrysanth Spray Dutch	Bunch	£1.50	£2.00
Chrysanth Spray Local	Bunch	£0.65	£1.20
Dahlia	Bunch	£0.70	£1.00
Gladioli	Bunch	£0.50	£1.00
Scabious	Bunch	£0.40	£0.60
Statice	Bunch	£0.50	£1.25
Sunflower	Bunch	£0.60	£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.

**POT & GARDEN PLANTS**

Autumnal shades are the order of the week, with summer flowering Perennials approaching the end of their season. Calluna collection are just some of the vital ingredients drawing a host of bids from our artisans and crafts inspired people. With six pack Pansy entries on the low side, buyers turn their attentions to premier potted samples. Lavender remains popular for late season landscape projects, with all quality entries clearing daily. A cornucopia of Cactis, some fat, some thin, some tall, some small, but all very spiky, inspire a riot of bids from smitten bidders.

Description	Per:	Average	Best
Cacti (Mixed)	13cm	£3.00	£3.50
Calluna	10cm	£0.45	£0.65
Climbers Assorted	2 Ltr	£1.60	£2.50
Cordyline Red	13cm	£2.00	£2.20
Dracaena Marginata	3 foot	£3.50	£4.00
Fatsia Aralia	13cm	£1.00	£1.40
Hebe	13cm	£1.00	£1.50
Heuchera	2 Ltr	£1.00	£2.00
Hydrangea	5 Ltr	£3.50	£4.50
Juncus	13cm	£0.75	£0.85
Laurel	7½Ltr	£6.00	£7.00
Lavender	13cm	£0.50	£1.00
Pansy (Pot)	10cm	£0.15	£0.30
Patio Cyclamen	10cm	£0.40	£0.90
Pieris	13cm	£1.00	£1.50
Sempervivum	9cm	£0.40	£0.55
Shrubs Mxd Liners	13cm	£1.00	£1.20
Wallflower (Six pack)	6's	£0.90	£1.10

**FRUIT & VEGETABLES**

Trade starts at a slow steady pace on Monday, with most buyers uncertain what to purchase. As supplies of Cauliflower ease back through the week, demand increases daily, with the auctioneer struggling to catch breath, as bids flow from all corners of the auction hall. Sprouting Broccoli, despite low entries, meets an excellent demand and prices consequentially rise. This week's high point is Thursday sale, where most lines clear with ease. Growers are reminded to label their produce with their Spalding Auction Limited vendor number.

Description	Per:	Average	Best
Carrots	Bunch	£0.30	£0.50
Cauliflower	6's	£3.00	£6.00
Cucumbers	Each	£0.30	£0.50
Lettuce	12's	£1.50	£2.00
Marrows	Each	£0.20	£0.40
Potatoes	25kg	£6.00	£10.00
Pumpkins XL	Each	£0.80	£1.00
Red Beet	Bunch	£0.20	£0.40
Sprouting Broccoli	3.5kg	£8.00	£11.00
Tomatoes	5.4kg	£2.50	£3.50

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