



FOR WEEK ENDING

MARKET REPORT

SPECIALIST SERVICES TO THE HORTICULTURAL AND FLORIST INDUSTRY TRADE

October 5, 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

<u>CUT FLOWERS</u>			
Flowers continue to enter the auction halls in heavy volumes, giving buyers the upper hand as the lots go under the hammer. The two star performers of the week are a super splurge of lovingly presented Statice and Helichrysum bouquets, coupled with best local bloom Chrysanthemums, proving that quality does pay dividends. There is a vast amount of sub par Statice on the market, much of it unsellable. Pinks remain thin on the ground, helping to keep price returns ticking along nicely. Despite a strong presence of Asters coming into the market, prices remain at or above the fifty pence a bunch mark.			
Description	Per:	Average	Best
Asters	Bunch	£0.50	£0.90
Chrysanth Bloom	Bunch	£1.70	£2.20
Chrysanth Spray Dutch	Bunch	£1.00	£1.40
Chrysanth Spray Local	Bunch	£0.40	£0.95
Gladioli	Bunch	£0.30	£0.75
Pinks	Bunch	£0.22	£0.36
Statice	Bunch	£0.40	£1.20
Sunflower	Bunch	£0.30	£1.10

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.

<u>POT & GARDEN PLANTS</u>			
With the settled weather pattern continuing to hold over the United Kingdom plant sales remain perky. A good week for Cyclamen of all sizes, with buyers in the mood for a nice splash of autumn colour. Calluna Heathers draw bids from all corners of the auction halls, with all entries clearing daily. As growers struggle to get Pansies, Primroses and Violas into full flowering mode, any well presented quality entries are favourably received. A lovely lilac Campanula assortment has smitten buyers jumping to attention. Ornamental Cabbage and Kale stir up interest amongst the artisans in attendance, proving perfect for autumn planting centre pieces.			
Description	Per:	Average	Best
Calluna	10cm	£0.50	£0.75
Campanula	9cm	£0.60	£0.90
Cyclamen	13cm	£0.80	£1.40
Cyclamen Coum	9cm	£0.65	£0.75
Dianthus	10cm	£0.50	£0.80
Hebe Variegated	13cm	£1.00	£1.20
Hedera (Ivy)	9cm	£0.40	£0.65
Heuchera	2 Ltr	£1.00	£2.50
Hydrangea	5 Ltr	£3.50	£4.50
Laurel	7½ ltr	£6.00	£7.00
Mini Rose	10cm	£0.50	£0.70

Ornamental Brassicas	13cm	£0.50	£0.80
Pansy (Pot)	10cm	£0.20	£0.30
Patio Cyclamen	10cm	£0.50	£0.80
Pieris	13cm	£1.00	£1.50
Primrose	9cm	£0.40	£0.45
Sempervivum	9cm	£0.40	£0.50
Wallflower	Bunch	£0.50	£1.20

<u>FRUIT & VEGETABLES</u>			
As we enter October, the produce hall takes on an autumnal feel, with local grown Swede and bundles of Sprout Stalks making their seasonal debuts. On the other hand the last few remaining local grown Tomatoes continue to receive a host of interest and bids. A small showing of jumbo sized Pumpkins, are also well received by the connoisseurs in attendance. Despite press coverage of a shortage of Onions, we continue to see a bumper selection on offer, throughout the week, with only large sized Onions clearing with ease, as buyers can afford to pick and choose on various sized bags of forty to sixty millimetre samples.			
Description	Per:	Average	Best
Cauliflower	6's	£3.00	£6.00
Cucumbers	Each	£0.30	£0.50
Leeks	3.5kg	£4.00	£5.00
Marrows	Each	£0.20	£0.40
Potatoes	25kg	£6.00	£8.00
Pumpkins XXXL	Each	£20.00	£25.00
Sprout Stalk (Bundle)	5's	£2.00	£2.50
Sprouting Broccoli	3.5kg	£5.00	£8.00
Sprouts	4.5kg	£3.50	£4.00
Tomatoes	5.4kg	£3.00	£5.00

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