

MARKET REPORT

SPECIALIST SERVICES TO THE HORTICULTURAL AND FLORIST INDUSTRY TRADE

January 4, 2019 Prices Shown - Average to Top Quality

Sales are held as follows:

<u>Vegetables & Fruit</u>:

Monday and Thursday 11.30am Wednesday 11 am

<u>Flowers & Plants</u>:

Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 12.30 pm

CUT FLOWERS

A mixed set of results for the first week's trading of 2019. We see a healthy demand for all Daffodil entries, including an extremely early appearance of some outdoor samples. "Rynveld's Early Sensation" causes a sensation, with smitten bidders battling to come out on top. A mammoth Tulip entry gives buyers all the trump cards in the bidding stakes, with the auctioneer labouring to keep prices up to scratch. A few multicoloured mixed bouquets prove perfect for post seasonal familty visits.

POT & GARDEN PLANTS

The dry settled weather, along with a smattering of sunshine, draws buyers into the auction halls with smiles upon their happy faces. Primrose sales are buoyant as buyers seek out bright bold colours to create a flash. Potted bulbs are received favourably, with Hyacinths and Snowdrops clearing daily, whilst Daffodils sell in slightly small quantities. Top outdoor planting selections, include potted Roses, in "bush", "climbing" and even "miniature patio" formats. Potted Fruit bushes also see the "rub of the green" as all entries are sold with ease.

FRUIT & VEGETABLES

Despite the festive menu of Turkey/Goose/Beef/Leg of Lamb etc and copious amounts of vegetables piled onto the plate, traders return to the auction refusing to be "vegged out"! Potatoes perform well in this shortened week, with "Picasso" and "Shannon" the two shining stars. With only limited quantities of Leeks on show, price returns start well on Wednesday, finishing with a flourish on Thursday. Sprouting Broccoli prices are strong on Wednesday, dropping back on Thursday as supplies overwhelm demand emphatically. Best quality buxom bundled Sprouts keep the momentum going from pre-Christmas, with excellent price returns for premier entries.

Description	Per:	Average	Best
Bouquets Mixed	Bunch	£0.70 -	£4.00
In-door Daffodils	Bunch	£0.70 -	£1.00
Out-door Daffodils	Bunch	£0.48 -	£0.50
Tulips	Bunch	£0.40 -	£0.70

Description	Per:	Average	Best
Cambria Orchid	13cm	£2.50 -	£3.00
Hellebores	13cm	£0.90 -	£1.20
Hyacinth (potted)	13cm	£1.20 -	£1.50
Laurel	7.5L	£6.00 -	£7.00
Mixed Potted Fruit Bushes	2L	£1.50 -	£1.70
Primrose	9cm	£0.25 -	£0.35
Rose (Potted)	3L	£1.50 -	£1.60
Snowdrops (Potted)	10cm	£0.60 -	£0.70
Tete-a-Tete (Potted)	10cm	£0.40 -	£0.60
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Description	Per:	Average	Best
Cabbage - Dutch	10kg	£2.00 -	£3.00
Carrots	10kg	£5.00 -	£7.00
Cauliflower	6's	£2.00 -	£4.00
Celeriac	6's	£3.80 -	£4.40
Leeks	4.5kg	£3.00 -	£4.50
Onions 60/80	10kg	£2.20 -	£2.80
Potatoes	25kg	£6.00 -	£8.00
Sprout Stalks (bundles)	5's	£2.00 -	£4.00
Sprouting Broccoli	1kg	£1.00 -	£2.00

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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