



LIMITED  
FOR WEEK ENDING

# MARKET REPORT

SPECIALIST SERVICES TO THE HORTICULTURAL AND FLORIST INDUSTRY TRADE

April 26, 2019

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

After last week's dazzling performance, flower sales ease back as they have to settle for second place in the buyers' affections. With only limited supplies of tail end Daffodils to be seen, it falls to a glorious array of Tulips, in all the colours of the rainbow, to satisfy the buyers' appetites for a "splash of panache". The warmer weather brings a few more Pinks into the market, helping to plug the gaping hole left by the absence of Daffodils.

Description	Per:	Average	Best
Bloom Carnations	Bunch	£1.00 -	£1.20
Daffodils Outdoor	Bunch	£0.16 -	£0.35
Delphinium	Bunch	£0.70	£0.90
Pinks	Bunch	£0.32 -	£0.44
Spray Chrys (Dutch)	Bunch	£2.00 -	£2.40
Tulips	Bunch	£0.45 -	£0.65

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

Hordes of buyers return to the auction with a feeling of "Easter elation", many reporting bare shelves and stalls needing to be replenished. Packs of bedding plants are at the top of many buyers' wish lists, with blitzkrieg after blitzkrieg of bids raining onto the auctioneers' rostrum, F1 Geraniums in particular, proving popular. Zonal Geraniums also perform well this week, with entries of all size and growing stage gobbled up. A wonderfully bright show of Cineraria Senettis in Vermillion red and peacock pink, inspire bidding battles. It's the time of year for the "Good Life" again with herbs, tomato plants and vegetable plants all swamped under volley after volley of bids.

Description	Per:	Average	Best
Basket Plants	9cm	£0.45 -	£0.90
Bedding (packs)	Plant	£0.10 -	£0.30
Cineraria Sinetti	13cm	£1.20 -	£1.60
Dicentra	13cm	£1.20 -	£1.60
Geranium Zonal	10cm	£0.80 -	£1.30
Gold Crest Wilma	1Ltr	£1.00 -	£1.30
Herbs Mixed	9cm	£0.35 -	£0.50
Ivy	9cm	£0.50 -	£0.60
Lavender	10cm	£1.00 -	£1.50
Osteospermum	10cm	£0.70 -	£1.00
Pansy	10cm	£0.20 -	£0.40
Red Cordyline	13cm	£2.50 -	£3.00
Rhododendron	7Ltr	£6.00 -	£10.00
Tomato Plants	9cm	£0.35 -	£0.60

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## FRUIT & VEGETABLES

With a shortened week of auctions, due to the Easter bank holiday weekend, growers face the eternal problem of the unseasonal weather bringing the cauliflowers all ready for harvest at the same time. This has affected the prices dramatically, as supply outweighs demand. Asparagus season is now in full swing, with many quality entries this week, realising excellent prices. The first outdoor new potatoes arrived this week, appearing two weeks earlier than usual. Duncan cabbage and bunched carrots continue to be on everyone's shopping list.

Description	Per:	Average	Best
Asparagus	225g	£0.80 -	£1.00
Cabbage - Duncan	16's	£4.00 -	£6.00
Carrots	Bunch	£0.40 -	£0.60
Cauliflower	6's	£2.00 -	£3.00
Leeks	4.5kg	£3.00 -	£3.50
New Potatoes	12.5kg	£20.00 -	£35.00
Onions 60/80	10kg	£2.00 -	£3.00
Potatoes	25kg	£4.00 -	£6.00
Rhubarb	1kg	£0.60 -	£1.00
Sprouting Broccoli	4.5kg	£3.50 -	£5.50

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