



FOR WEEK ENDING

MARKET REPORT

SPECIALIST SERVICES TO THE HORTICULTURAL AND FLORIST INDUSTRY TRADE

May 10, 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

A fair week for Floral trading, as the cooler weather helps to prolong the shelf life of many varieties of flower. Sweet William volumes are on the light side helping to keep price returns healthy for all entries. Tulips, however remain in full flow, with pumped up buyers bidding for bucket after bucket, clearing all entries daily. A wild variance in quality results in a large price gap for Stocks this week, as buyers are able to pick and choose their lots. Imported flower prices are strong as many continental countries celebrate Mother's day.

Description	Per:	Average	Best
Bouquets	Bunch	£0.70	£1.00
Delphinium	Bunch	£1.00	£1.50
Hyacinth	Bunch	£0.40	£0.50
Iris	Bunch	£0.30	£0.50
Pinks	Bunch	£0.32	£0.44
Spray Chrys (Dutch)	Bunch	£2.00	£2.40
Spray Rose	Bunch	£1.40	£1.50
Stocks	Bunch	£0.40	£1.00
Sweet Williams	Bunch	£0.65	£1.00
Tulips	Bunch	£0.50	£0.65

POT & GARDEN PLANTS

Trade remains resilient after the Bank Holiday weekend despite the cold wet weather, although prices soften for certain lines. Bedding plants see Geraniums & Impatiens prices easing, whilst Begonia Semperflorens remain firm. Zonal Geraniums, Non Stop and "Illumination" trailing Begonia all remain sought after, whilst other basket plants have to settle for the runners up spots. Colour shows this week are represented by a sizzling array of Dahlia, Dahlietas and wonderful New Guinea Impatiens. Larger hanging baskets sell well this week, with a fantastic flash of Fuchsia's the pick of the pack. French and English Lavender varieties both perform well.

Description	Per:	Average	Best
Acer	9cm	£1.75	£2.00
Basket Plants	9cm	£0.45	£0.85
Bedding (packs)	Plant	£0.10	£0.25
Cineraria Sinetti	13cm	£1.40	£1.70
Dahlia	13cm	£0.60	£0.90
Gentiana	10cm	£0.80	£1.00
Geranium Zonal	10cm	£0.80	£1.20
Gold Crest Wilma	1Ltr	£1.00	£1.30
Hanging Fuchsia	16"	£8.00	£9.00
Lavender	10cm	£1.00	£1.50
New Guinea Impatiens	13cm	£0.80	£1.00
Osteospermum	10cm	£0.70	£1.00
Rhododendron	7Ltr	£5.00	£10.00
Tomato Plants	9cm	£0.30	£0.50

FRUIT & VEGETABLES

The adverse Bank Holiday weather affects both entries, and the buyers bidding habits, with most of them uncertain where to offer their love. The last few Leeks of the current season draw gasps of admiration as the auctioneer fields a host of bids. As outdoor grown, 25kg bags of new season Potatoes become available, the price received varies according to the sample on offer, with Maris Bard receiving the greatest interest.

Description	Per:	Average	Best
Asparagus	225g	£0.90	£1.20
Cabbage - Duncan	16's	£4.00	£6.00
Cabbage - Dutch	10kg	£4.50	£5.00
Cabbage - Red	10kg	£4.00	£4.50
Cabbage - Tundra	6's	£2.50	£3.50
Carrots	Bunch	£0.80	£1.20
Cauliflower	6's	£2.00	£3.00
Leeks	4.5kg	£3.00	£3.50
New Potatoes	25kg	£30.00	£50.00
Onions 60/80	10kg	£2.00	£2.80
Potatoes	25kg	£3.00	£7.00
Red Onions	6kg	£2.00	£3.00
Rhubarb	1kg	£0.50	£0.80

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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