



LIMITED
FOR WEEK ENDING

MARKET REPORT

SPECIALIST SERVICES TO THE HORTICULTURAL AND FLORIST INDUSTRY TRADE

May 24, 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

Flower sales are buoyant in the run up to the bank holiday weekend, with a healthy attendance of buyers throughout the week. Stocks and Sweet Williams continue to dominate proceedings, with prices firming up nicely for both lines. Delphiniums appear in limited volumes, keeping admiring buyers on their toes as they battle for a slice of the spoils. Alstroemeria prices stumble slightly as the warmer weather brings their petals into full bloom at a fast rate. With our French neighbours celebrating "Mother's Day" this weekend, continental prices remain strong.

Description	Per:	Average	Best
Alstroemeria	Bunch	£0.50	£0.80
Bouquets	Bunch	£0.70	£1.00
Cornflowers	Bunch	£0.40	£0.50
Delphinium	Bunch	£1.20	£1.60
Spray Chrys (Dutch)	Bunch	£2.00	£2.40
Stocks	Bunch	£0.80	£1.10
Sweet Williams	Bunch	£0.60	£0.95

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

Another week with the auction halls full of wonderful plants of all shapes and sizes a pleasure to behold! "Colour" is written loud at the top of buyers' wish lists, as anything bright and bold finds favour at the expense of the dull and drab. Zonal Geraniums are in demand throughout the week, with strong prices despite a high volume coming into the market. Dazzling Dahlias flash their summer colours with aplomb, inviting bids from all corners of the auction halls. With the bees well and truly out and about in the gardens, a mammoth entry of French Lavender drives buyers wild with desire. A humungous Hydrangea helping, creates a hullabaloo amongst the captivated bidders.

Description	Per:	Average	Best
Basket Plants	9cm	£0.45	£0.85
Bedding (packs)	Plant	£0.10	£0.30
Campanula	13cm	£0.70	£0.80
Dahlia	13cm	£0.70	£1.50
Geranium Zonal	10cm	£0.70	£1.20
Gold Crest Wilma	1Ltr	£1.00	£1.30
Hanging Fuchsia	16"	£8.00	£11.00
Hydrangea	5L	£5.00	£6.00
Lavender	10cm	£1.20	£1.60
New Guinea Impatiens	13cm	£0.80	£1.20
Osteospermum	10cm	£0.70	£1.00
Rhododendron	7Ltr	£5.00	£8.00
Rosemary	13cm	£1.25	£1.50
Salix Nishiki	3ft	£5.50	£6.50

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FRUIT & VEGETABLES

A difficult week to describe for the produce trade, with the variable bank holiday weekend weather forecasts affecting greengrocers and market traders buying habits. The first outdoor grown, bunched Carrots make their seasonal debut and are met with a host of bids. As Duncan Cabbage draws to the end of its current run, demand remains strong. A "colossal" collection of Asparagus, seen on Wednesday, allows buyers to pick and choose their preferred lots. With reports of top money being paid for best old season potatoes, growers try in vain to cash in on any samples they have remaining.

Description	Per:	Average	Best
Asparagus	225g	£0.50	£1.00
Cabbage - Duncan	16's	£3.00	£5.00
Cabbage - Dutch	10kg	£4.50	£5.00
Cabbage - Red	10kg	£4.00	£4.50
Carrots	Bunch	£0.80	£1.20
Cauliflower	6's	£2.00	£3.00
Leeks	4.5kg	£3.00	£3.50
New Potatoes	25kg	£20.00	£30.00
Onions 60/80	10kg	£2.80	£3.70
Potatoes	25kg	£4.00	£7.50
Red Onions	6kg	£2.50	£3.50
Rhubarb	1kg	£0.50	£0.80

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