

SPECIALIST SERVICES TO THE HORTICULTURAL AND FLORIST TRADE

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Market

Report

FOR WEEK ENDING:29/3/24

Prices Shown - Average to Top Quality

#### **Plants and Seasonal Goods**

Our auction halls are full of plants to suit all tastes this week. Fully coloured Perennial plants take centre stage, after recently lurking in the wings, as buyers fight for Aubretias and Saxifrages in particular. Lavender sales remain strong, with excellent price returns for all quality entries. Pansy and Viola six packs are a midweek hit, with admiring buyers all desperate to be "top of the pops". Buxus shapes continue to clear daily, with "Balls", "Pyramids" and even "trio balls on a stick" all gobbled up. Tomato and Strawberry plants take off nicely, in time for the Easter Bank Holiday weekend.

Description	Per:	Average		Best
Alpine Mix	10cm	£0.70	-	£0.90
Aubretia	13cm	£1.00	-	£1.40
Bellis	10cm	£0.30	-	£0.45
Buxus Ball	Each	£6.25	-	£15.00
Cineraria Senetti	1ltr	£1.75	-	£2.50
Cowslip	1ltr	£0.80	-	£1.20
Dianthus	10cm	£0.85	-	£1.20
Dicentra	15cm	£1.50	-	£2.25
Fuchsia	10cm	£0.65	-	£0.90
Lavender	1Ltr	£1.50	-	£2.00
Osteospermums	10cm	£1.00	-	£1.30
Palms (assorted)	3ft	£9.00	-	£13.00
Pansy Six Pack	Pack	£1.00	-	£1.30
Photinia Red Robin	3ft	£3.50	-	£5.50
Rhododendron	7½ltr	£7.00	-	£10.00
Rhubarb (Potted)	1lt	£2.00	-	£2.50
Shrubs (assorted)	1ltr	£3.00	-	£4.00
Strawberry Plants	9cm	£0.60	-	£0.90
Sweet Pea	9cm	£0.50	-	£0.60
Tomato Plant	9cm	£0.30	-	£0.60

#### **Cut Flowers**

Floods of flowers float into our auction hall providing a seasonal flash of colour just in time for Easter. Local Daffodils put in a strong performance, with top prices realised for "Great Leap", "White Lion" and "Sir Winston Churchill". A bonanza of bouquets of all size and design stir up a hornet's nest of bids from smitten buyers. With only limited volumes of Iris coming into the market, prices rocket. Bunched Alstroemerias and Roses all garner a healthy interest.

Description	Per:	Average		Best
Alstroemeria	Bunch	£1.00	-	£1.75
Bouquets	Bunch	£2.00	-	£7.00
Daffodil Outdoor	Bunch	£0.30	-	£0.52
Exotic Bouquet	Bunch	£3.00	-	£3.50
Hyacinth	Bunch	£0.75	-	£1.00
Iris	Bunch	£0.70	-	£1.20
Rose	Bunch	£1.00	-	£1.50
Spring Bouquet	Bunch	£1.60	-	£2.60
Tulips	Bunch	£1.00	-	£1.80

### Fruit & Vegetables

Trade overall reflects the demand, with the first Bank Holiday of the year effecting when buyers can be open over the Easter Bank Holiday weekend. Despite many growers reporting they had finished the Leek season, we see a large entry from one grower, this allows buyers to pick and choose their lots to show their love and bids too. January King, Savoy, and Tundra Cabbage on the other hand, see the opposite with only limited supplies to be seen, prices continue upwards.

Description	Per:	Average		Best
Apples	Вох	£6.40	-	£6.60
Asparagus	Bunch	£1.50	-	£1.60
Cherry Tomato	Вох	£5.10	I	£5.10
Grapes	9kg	£6.00	-	£6.10
Mandarin	Вох	£5.60	1	£6.20
Melon Yellow	6's	£5.20	-	£6.00
Onions	Net	£2.70	I	£3.30
Potatoes	25kg	£7.00	-	£8.40
Savoy	6's	£5.70	-	£6.90
Spring Cabbage	12's	£5.20	-	£7.10

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For all enquiries about the Auction please contact Peter Dean (General Manager) on 01775 723333 or email peterdean@spaldingauction.co.uk Due to the Machinery Auction taking place on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April All purchases on 4<sup>th</sup> April will need to be removed from the auction on the Thursday. We thank you for your understanding.



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Flowers and Plants: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 12.30pm

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## **SPRING BULBS**

As spring is upon us, why not pay our bulb department a visit where Juliette Houghton and John Dunham will be available to assist you with your bulb purchases. Please feel free to contact Juliette Houghton or John Dunham on 01775 723333 for further information, or email: juliettehoughton@spaldingauction.co.uk

# HORTICULTURAL SUPPLIES

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For full details contact Adrian Glover (Curly) or Helen Buffham on (01775) 724444

Email: horticulture@spaldingauction.co.uk

# SPALDING FLORIST INNOVATIONS

NEW STOCK ARRIVING DAILY

Normal opening hours:

Monday to Friday 8am to 4pm.

# Our staff are always happy to assist.

For further information please contact Jackie, Sally, or Colette

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