

#### SPECIALIST SERVICES TO THE HORTICULTURAL AND FLORIST TRADE

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# Market Report FOR WEEK ENDING: 21/3/25

Prices Shown - Average to Top Quality

#### Plants and Seasonal Sundries

With Mothers' Day but a week away, plant sales continue to ride the crest of the early spring wave. A healthy attendance of avid bidders on all days helps to keep the auctioneer constantly rehydrating. As Primroses near the end of the season, it falls to Pansies and Violas to represent the bold bright colour flash buyers crave. Dianthuses also shine a healthy dose of light onto proceedings. Rhododendrons small and Rhododendrons large all combine to stir up a hornet's nest of bids from admiring buyers. Perennial mixtures remain near the top of many buyers' wish lists, with all quality entries clearing with ease. Standard Salixes of all denomination move in large quantities.

Description	Per:	Average		Best
Alpine/Perennial Mix	10cm	£0.70	-	£1.10
Aubretia	1ltr	£1.20	-	£1.50
Basket Plants	10cm	£0.70	-	£0.80
Buxus Bush	1ltr	£1.50	-	£1.60
Dianthus	10cm	£0.75	-	£1.30
Dicentra	1ltr	£2.50	-	£3.25
Fuchsia	10cm	£0.70	-	£1.10
Orchid	10cm	£2.00	1	£3.00
Palms	Each	£7.75	-	£15.00
Pansy	9cm	£0.30	-	£0.50
Peony	2ltr	£2.75	1	£4.75
Perennials (Mixed)	1ltr	£1.00	-	£1.80
Primrose	10cm	£0.45	-	£0.65
Rhododendron	7ltr	£5.00	-	£9.00
Salix	3ft	£8.75	-	£9.75
Strawberry	9cm	£0.50	ŀ	£0.80
Sweet Pea	9cm	£0.50	-	£0.70

We also have a new range of Garden Ironwork to complement the stonework selection.

Enterprise Way, Pinchbeck, Spalding, Lincolnshire, PE11 3YR

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#### Cut Flowers

The warmer, sunnier weather has a strange effect on flower sales. Local flowers see prices falling, whilst imported product prices strengthen due to a healthy demand. With reports of Tulip prices falling away on the continental markets, home grown entries see a mirror effect, with prices easing. With many entries of Daffodils starting to show "breaks", buyers bid accordingly, so as not to overload. Awesome Alstroemerias top the charts for imported flowers, followed closely by bloom and spray Chrysanthemums. A bonanza of Bouquets, featuring wonder monikers including "Country Garden" and "Spring Sensation" are a big hit midweek.

Description	Per:	Average		Best
Alstroemeria	Bunch	£1.50	-	£2.60
Bouquet (Spring)	Bunch	£1.60	-	£1.80
Carnations Spray	Bundle	£4.00	-	£4.50
Chrysanth Bloom	Bunch	£1.00	-	£1.70
Chrysanth Spray	Bunch	£1.20	-	£1.80
Daffodils Outdoor	Bunch	£0.25	-	£0.50
Lily	Bunch	£0.70	-	£1.50
Iris	Bunch	£0.70	-	£1.10
Pussy Willow	Bunch	£1.70	-	£1.90
Tulips	Wrap	£8.00	-	£11.00

#### Fruit & Vegetables

As we start to see further increases in temperature as the week goes on, customers become increasingly cautious on what the weekend's trade will be. The quantity of Purple Sprouting Broccoli submitted, floods the hall with vendors worried that the heat would damage the crop. The demand for brassica falls despite plenty of availability, this causes prices to dramatically drop. Specialist lines such as imported asparagus, Spanish Calabrese, herbs, and mushroom fail to generate as much interest as previous weeks. With everything from Avocados to White Grapes, fruit sales increase with buyers eager to snap up all on offer, with all lines clearing with ease. Potato prices start to decrease slightly with new potatoes on the horizon.

Description	Per:	Average		Best	
Avocado	24's	£	6.90	£ 6.90	
Bananas	18kg	£	16.06	£ 16.10	
Cauli	8	£	4.63	£ 6.00	
Leeks	4.5kg	£	4.38	£ 4.80	
Limes	4.5kg	£	4.76	£ 4.80	
Mango	10's	£	5.35	£ 5.70	
Melon	7's	£	6.90	£ 6.90	
Nardicott	10kg	£	12.60	£ 12.60	
Nectarine	9kg	£	7.00	£ 7.00	
Cypriot New Potatoes	44lbs	£	35.50	£ 35.50	
Plums	5kg	£	5.82	£ 6.00	
Potatoes	25kg	£	7.23	£ 8.00	
Purple Sprouting Broc	4kg	£	6.84	£ 10.00	
Rhubarb	8lbs	£	16.39	£ 21.00	
Savoy	8's	£	2.72	£ 3.00	



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Auction opening hours: 7.30 – 4.00 Monday to Friday Office hours: 8.00 – 4.00 Monday to Friday Sales are held as follows:

Fruit & Vegetables: Monday and Thursday 11.30am Wednesday 11am Flowers and Plants: Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday 12.30pm Follow us on Facebook: Spalding Auction Ltd

### SEED POTATOES AND SPRING BULBS

We have a great selection of Summer Flowering Bulbs and Perennials. A good range of Seed Potatoes; Onion Sets and Shallots and Garlic are still available at discounted prices.

> Please contact Juliette Houghton or John Dunham on 01775 723333 or email juilettehoughton@spaldingauction.co.uk for more information or for a price list.

## HORTICULTURAL SUPPLIES

Pots, tubs, planters, bowls and troughs in different colours and sizes.

Hanging baskets and pots

Garden Tools

Bark chipping

Sleeves, wraps and packing materials, carrier bags

Plus, our usual comprehensive range of Compost, Peat, Fertilisers.

All at very reasonable prices

We are open Monday to Friday 7.30am to 4.00pm, Wednesdays to 5pm

For full details contact Adrian (Curly), Helen or Luke

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### SPALDING FLORIST INNOVATIONS

With new stock arriving we have fantastic Mother's Day and Easter displays in store.

We look forward to seeing you.

We are open:

Monday to Friday 8am to 4pm.

For further information contact Jackie, Sally, or Gabi on (01775) 723333

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