# **Dublin** Wholesale **Market Report**

# **for**

# **Fruit, Vegetables and Flowers**

Weekly Market Report Week 31/2014

Friday 25/07/2014 to Thursday 31/07/2014

***Vegetables***: Ample supplies overall met a moderate demand.

* **Cucumber** values slipped back, and they traded at €7.00 per count of 12/14 compared to €8.00 in week 30. Traders believe that the increase in price in recent weeks is due to the good weather which stimulates extra consumption and also because supplies were reduced because of crop rotation which creates a small gap in continuity of supply for a brief period until the new crop comes into full production.
* Demand for **tomatoes** weakened and values eased back. Dutch and Irish round tomatoes traded in the range €4.50-€5.50 per 6 Kg, Dutch cherry 10 x 300g at €9.50 and Dutch loose vine 5 Kg at €4.5 0-€5.50.
* Good quality Dutch and Irish green **peppers** fetched a premium over red and yellow colours and they traded at €8.50 and €8.00/5 Kg.
* Dutch **aubergines** drifted back in price to trade at €7.50/5 Kg compared to €9.50 in week 30.
* Increased supplies of **brassicas** met a moderate demand. Irish York cabbage count 10 traded at €5.50 /10, Irish cauliflower count 8 at €6.50 and U.K. savoy cabbage in the range €4.00-€5.00 per count of 12.
* Dutch and Irish **courgettes** 5 Kg met a steady turnover at similar prices to week 30.
* Dutch and Spanish **onions** moved steadily at slightly reduced values. Dutch 20 Kg 60-80 mm traded at €9.00-€10.00 and Spanish large size for the catering trade at €9.50.

***Potatoes***: Quiet trading throughout the period.

* Old harvest **Rooster** 10 Kg traded at unchanged values. New season Roosteris expectedto come on stream in the next couple of weeks.
* **British Queens** traded in the range €3.50-€4.50 per 10 Kg.
* Italian Spunta 12.5 Kg sold at €6.00-€7.00.
* U.K. **Maris Piper** traded at €7.00 /25 Kg.

***Fruit:*** Overall demand remained flat throughout the week.

* South African Clementine nules was the best performing citrus line and traded at €18.50/15 Kg. Stricter entry requirements to the EU for citrus spp from South Africa have been put in place to prevent the introduction of the fungus Phyllosticta citricarpa (citrus black spot) a disease which is not established in EU citrus producing countries. Trade reports indicate that South Africa is the largest exporter of oranges in the world, supplying approximately 70% of citrus sold in the EU in 2013. Traders are hoping that all consignments of citrus spp imported from South Africa will comply with EU Decision/422, and so far DAFM inspections confirm compliance with the entry requirements.
* South African and Argentinian lemon prices rose again due to tighter supplies and in line with trader predictions. Prices increased from €28.50 per 15 Kg in week 30 to €30.00.
* Spanish and Dutch blueberries met a steady demand at similar prices to week 30.

***Flowers*** After a number of weeks of strong trading demand eased slightly.

* **Gypsophila, Roses and Lilies** moved out well at unchanged values**.**