

Market information Bloemenveiling Aalsmeer (VBA)

Week 40 - 2006

Cut flowers

Roses:

T-hybrid roses: A week with fluctuating prices. The end was good, with a better price for all varieties and lengths. The new rose Antarctic (colour white) did well. Next week, the new T-hybrid rose 'Home Run' (salmon peach) is expected to be in the same auction group. This reflects the same picture as the last few weeks, whereby long lengths and the varieties with the largest buds perform the best by far. With various prices above two euros.

Sweetheart roses: the supply of roses from Africa is rising, while the Dutch supply is declining. Rising prices at the beginning of the week. Spray roses are fetching good prices, with a top day on Monday for Lemonade and Renate sprays, among others. Here as well, the quantities are rapidly declining.

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Week 40	Supply (%)	Price 2005	Price 2006
ROSE T-HYBRID P STEM	7.0	0.135	0.155
ROSE SWEETHEART P STEM	-38.3	0.093	0.111
ROSE SPRAY PER STEM	-61.0	0.114	0.151
Cumulative week 1 to 40	Supply (%)	Price 2005	Price 2006
ROSE T-HYBRID P STEM	9.8	0.152	0.167
ROSE SWEETHEART P STEM	-26.6	0.101	0.118
ROSE SPRAY PER STEM	-33.7	0.094	0.111

NETHERLANDS			
Week 40	Supply (%)	Price 2005	Price 2006
ROSE T-HYBRID P STEM	-15.2	0.324	0.366
ROSE SWEETHEART P STEM	-39.6	0.124	0.127
ROSE SPRAY PER STEM	-15.3	0.422	0.533
Cumulative week 1 to 40	Supply (%)	Price 2005	Price 2006
ROSE T-HYBRID P STEM	-6.2	0.303	0.327
ROSE SWEETHEART P STEM	-35.6	0.140	0.140
ROSE SPRAY PER STEM	-7.6	0.417	0.479

Tulips:

The quantities are lagging far behind, compared to the same week last year. However, the price is quite a bit higher. The uniformity of the batches is also good now. All colours and cultivars are receiving good money, with prices far above €0.20. The supply of scarce varieties is receiving prices over €0.30. Super parrot is also the most expensive tulip this week.

Week 40	Supply (%)	Price 2005	Price 2006
TULIP DOUBLE P.STEM	-57.8	0.148	0.209
TULIP SINGLE P.STEM	-52.5	0.145	0.195
TULIP FRINGED	-26.7	0.145	0.117
TULIP PARAKEET P.ST.	-57.3	0.187	0.299

Cumulative week 1 to 40	Supply (%)	Price 2005	Price 2006
TULIP DOUBLE P.STEM	-0.0	0.130	0.149
TULIP SINGLE P.STEM	4.6	0.122	0.138
TULIP FRINGED	18.3	0.145	0.173
TULIP LILY BULB P. UNIT	13.8	0.137	0.142
TULIP PARAKEET P.ST.	-2.0	0.157	0.181

Chrysanthemums:

Spray chrysanthemums: At the beginning of the week there was still a decline in the supply, but there was sufficient demand, resulting in a continuing rise in price. The supply stabilised on Thursday and remained at the same level as last week. Pink in particular enjoyed a good price, but the other colours also enjoyed sufficient demand. Friday was the best day, with an average price of €0.28.

Disbudded chrysanthemums: Monday and Tuesday showed a slight dip in the supply; on Wednesday the supply rose again. The best day was Tuesday (average price €0.46). Later in the week there was a slight dip in the pricing.

Santinis: Throughout the week there was a slight decline in the supply of Santinis. Monday had already shown a good start, with an average price of €0.16. The demand rose considerably, with the price rising up to an average price of €0.23. The supply is wide, and the buyers appreciate that.

Normal Cultivation: The supply continued to grow this week, for both spray and disbudded. Fortunately, the demand also rose, but it wasn't immediately evident from the pricing.

Week 40	Supply (%)	Price 2005	Price 2006
CHRYSANT DISBUDED OUTDOORS	-12.1	0.286	0.336
CHRYSANT DISBUDED GREENHOUSE	0.9	0.395	0.410
Cumulative week 1 to 40	Supply (%)	Price 2005	Price 2006
CHRYSANT DISBUDED OUTDOORS	-3.0	0.265	0.293
CHRYSANT DISBUDED GREENHOUSE	1.0	0.374	0.388

Week 40	Supply (%)	Price 2005	Price 2006
CHRYSANT SPRAY SANTINI	16.6	0.185	0.200
CHRYSANT SPRAY OUTDOORS	-0.2	0.130	0.095
CHRYSANTHEMUM SPRAY GREENHOUSE	-17.7	0.195	0.241
Cumulative week 1 to 40	Supply (%)	Price 2005	Price 2006
CHRYSANT TR SANTINI	0.9	0.176	0.182
CHRYSANT.TR.BUITEN	-36.7	0.104	0.108
CHRYSANTHEMUM TR.KAS	-3.8	0.216	0.220

Lilies:

With a declining supply, the pricing is difficult in general. With a somewhat larger supply than last year, ORIENTAL is showing average prices between 40 and 46 cents. Towards the end of the week the price of SIBERIA drops a bit, while PINK is receiving somewhat better prices. Especially on Friday, the prices are rising considerably here and there. Compared to last year, LONGIFLORUM is showing a supply that is 20-30% higher.

The average price remained stable with 35 to 38 cents; on Friday TRIUMPHATOR fetched very good prices. With an unchanged low supply this week, LA/ASIAN managed to rise from

23 to over 31 cents on average. Yellow and white in particular show a reasonable recovery in price at the end of the week.

Week 40	Supply (%)	Price 2005	Price 2006
LILI. ASIAN HYBR	-44.8	0.218	0.259
LILI.LONGIFL X ASIAN	-11.7	0.225	0.260
LILIUM ORIENTAL HYBR	16.8	0.494	0.430
LILIUM OTHER P.ST.	46.6	0.439	0.337
LILIUM.LONGIFLORUM	1.9	0.429	0.372
Cumulative week 1 to 40	Supply (%)	Price 2005	Price 2006
LILI. ASIAN HYBR	-38.6	0.281	0.351
LILI.LONGIFL X ASIAN	-5.1	0.306	0.351
LILIUM ORIENTAL HYBR	6.9	0.592	0.557
LILIUM OTHER P.ST.	58.5	0.504	0.433
LILIUM.LONGIFLORUM	-14.2	0.432	0.445

Alstroemeria:

The quantities are comparable to the quantities of the comparable week last year. The prices are comparable as well. The new range is fetching good prices, averaging about €0.45.

Week 40	Supply (%)	Price 2005	Price 2006
ALSTROEMERIA LG FL	-1.4	0.164	0.162
ALSTROEMERIA SM FL	-7.9	0.124	0.120
Cumulative week 1 to 40	Supply (%)	Price 2005	Price 2006
ALSTROEMERIA LG FL	-8.4	0.142	0.154
ALSTROEMERIA SM FL	-29.3	0.110	0.114

Lisianthus:

The prices rose toward the end of the week. The quantities are declining rapidly, and the demand is good. All colours of good quality are doing well. The white cultivars are doing particularly well. Piccolo is fetching prices above €0.50, and double white even over €0.60.

Week 40	Supply (%)	Price 2005	Price 2006
EUSTOMA RUSSELL SINGLE	-14.3	0.231	0.306
EUSTOMA RUSSELL DOUBLE	1.2	0.268	0.329
Cumulative week 1 to 40	Supply (%)	Price 2005	Price 2006
EUSTOMA RUSSELL SINGLE	-13.2	0.284	0.296
EUSTOMA RUSSELL DOUBLE	15.5	0.315	0.318

Gerberas:

The beginning of the week was still rather rough. But fortunately, there was a rising trend for both large-flowered and mini. On Wednesday there was a minor setback, but the rising trend continued again on Thursday and Friday. Only white is having an increasingly difficult time, especially with the minis. The purple /pink varieties also had a lesser day on Friday; orange, red and others are doing well.

Week 40	Supply (%)	Price 2005	Price 2006
GERBERA LG FL	-16.7	0.305	0.248
GERBERA MINI	25.1	0.128	0.103

Cumulative week 1 to 40	Supply (%)	Price 2005	Price 2006
GERBERA LG FL	-20.0	0.210	0.233
GERBERA MINI	4.5	0.128	0.122

Cymbidium:

A rising supply of both mini and the large-flowered cymbidium. Especially with mixed boxes, there is a major increase in the number of carts in front of the clock. Mini cymbidium is fetching moderate prices, but as November 1st approaches, it is expected that the demand will rise. Large-flowered cymbidium is showing a slight decline in the pricing, but the demand is also expected to rise before November 1st.

Week 40	Supply (%)	Price 2005	Price 2006
CYMBIDIUM LG FL. P.BRANCH	-8.7	4.047	4.710
CYMBIDIUM MINI P. BRANCH	9.9	1.392	1.517
CYMBIDIUM PACKAGED	-73.4	1.171	0.574
Cumulative week 1 to 40	Supply (%)	Price 2005	Price 2006
CYMBIDIUM LG FL P. BRANCH	7.4	3.268	3.150
CYMBIDIUM MINI P.BRANCH	1.2	1.354	1.456
CYMBIDIUM PACKAGED	-3.4	1.093	1.305

Anthurium:

The supply was a bit lower on Monday; the trade also assumed a hesitant stance. On Tuesday the market was lively, with better prices and good trading. At the end of the first group the sales declined a bit, but it recovered. Wednesday proved to be a 'messy' day. There was a reasonable supply, but the prices within the batches are still dropping considerably.

Thursday shows a small supply, and the demand is also moderate. The fall colours were still rising, however. On Friday there was a reasonably positive feeling on the platform, with prices slightly higher than on the previous days.

Week 40	Supply (%)	Price 2005	Price 2006
ANTHURIUM ANDR P.ST.	-5.0	0.565	0.562
Cumulative week 1 to 40	Supply (%)	Price 2005	Price 2006
ANTHURIUM ANDR P.ST.	-5.1	0.477	0.529

Carnations:

The market remains difficult for the Dutch carnations, even though the green ones are doing well, also with some rising prices. Imported carnations are gradually starting to gain ground and are reasonably well appreciated. The supply of spray carnations is declining, with a stable price.

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Week 40	Supply (%)	Price 2005	Price 2006
DIANT CARY STAN P ST	-56.6	0.067	0.090
DIANTHUS CAR.SPRAY P.ST	-26.4	0.063	0.063
Cumulative week 1 to 40	Supply (%)	Price 2005	Price 2006
DIANT CARY STAN P ST	-16.5	0.119	0.103
DIANTHUS CAR.SPRAY P.ST	-33.2	0.071	0.077

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Week 40	Supply (%)	Price 2005	Price 2006
DIANT CARY STAN P ST	29.6	0.172	0.148
DIANTHUS CAR. SPRAY P.ST	-36.0	0.115	0.098
DIANTHUS OTHER PER STEM	-52.9	0.081	0.083
Cumulative week 1 to 40	Supply (%)	Price 2005	Price 2006
DIANT CARY STAN P ST	-7.2	0.168	0.168
DIANTHUS CAR. SPRAY P.ST	-31.2	0.125	0.112
DIANTHUS OTHER PER STEM	-67.7	0.109	0.105

Seasonal products:

Summer flowers

This week we saw a decline in summer flowers, and the demand for them is also slowing down because the quality varies. Hence the demand for berry products and other autumn articles. The prices of rose hips are running up for the longest lengths, but the shorter grades are under pressure. Fine prices viburnum opulus: due to the scarcity, they are running up to € 2.-. The first red ilex has been auctioned again this week, and they were very highly appreciated by the buyers, with prices up to € 2.50 for length 80, but the supply is also still very small.

Small quantities of pernettya are also in front of the clock, with special prices for the longest branches up to € 3 and length 40 for € 1. Very beautiful celastrus (Oriental bittersweet) in front of the clock, with 'top prices' up to € 6.20.

Gladiolus

The supply of gladiolas dropped further this week, but there is still a demand, thus pushing up the average price. On Monday there were 87 carts with an average price of € 0.11, and towards Friday there were 25, with an average price of € 0.22.

Week 40	Supply (%)	Price 2005	Price 2006
GLADIOLUS LG FL	-0.7	0.144	0.154
GLADIOLUS SM FL	-39.3	0.074	0.069
Cumulative week 1 to 40	Supply (%)	Price 2005	Price 2006
GLADIOLUS LG FL	8.2	0.142	0.152
GLADIOLUS SM FL	-26.7	0.109	0.090

Amaryllis

Late this week there was a reasonably constant supply this week, yet a bit less than last year. The prices can be generally considered to be relatively good. The average price managed to rise from € 1.13 to € 1.26. White was particularly well paid. MONT BLANC brought in up to € 3.15, CHRISTMAS GIFT € 2.05. NYMPH is very scarce, fetching a good € 3.70. RED LION brings in € 1.45.

Week 40	Supply (%)	Price 2005	Price 2006
HIPPEASTRUM P.STEM	-37.0	0.932	1.155
Cumulative week 1 to 40	Supply (%)	Price 2005	Price 2006
HIPPEASTRUM P.STEM	0.1	0.711	0.835

Gypsophila

Late this week, especially on Wednesday and Thursday, there was a dip in the supply. The supply of Dutch gypsophila is starting to decline considerably. The prices generally remain stable, between 18 and 20 cents. MY PINK is showing prices up to over € 0.60 this week.

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Week 40	Supply (%)	Price 2005	Price 2006
GYPS.PANICULATA P ST	5.9	0.182	0.186
Cumulative week 1 to 40	Supply (%)	Price 2005	Price 2006
GYPS.PANICULATA P ST	1.2	0.181	0.182
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Week 40	Supply (%)	Price 2005	Price 2006
GYPS.PANICULATA P ST	-30.6	0.317	0.318
Cumulative week 1 to 40	Supply (%)	Price 2005	Price 2006
GYPS.PANICULATA P ST	-41.0	0.258	0.290

Helianthus

During the course of the week, the supply continues to decline. The price averages are also rising considerably: from 30 cents on Monday to 45 on Thursday. On Friday the average price drops to 35 cents; good SUNRICH ORANGE fetches a up to a good 96 cents.

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Week 40	Supply (%)	Price 2005	Price 2006
HELIANTHUS PER STEM	71.8	0.176	0.299
Cumulative week 1 to 40	Supply (%)	Price 2005	Price 2006
HELIANTHUS PER STEM	-32.1	0.259	0.345

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Week 40	Supply (%)	Price 2005	Price 2006
HELIANTHUS PER STEM	-1.1	0.298	0.366
Cumulative week 1 to 40	Supply (%)	Price 2005	Price 2006
HELIANTHUS PER STEM	10.0	0.297	0.252

Iris

Iris Hong Kong in small quantities at reasonable prices that came out above the others.

Week 40	Supply (%)	Price 2005	Price 2006
IRIS BULB PER UNIT	-23.5	0.054	0.067
Cumulative week 1 to 40	Supply (%)	Price 2005	Price 2006
IRIS BULB PER UNIT	18.8	0.113	0.093

Freesia

Freesias show stable pricing throughout the week, whereby the heavy yellow and red/white can show peaks.

Week 40	Supply (%)	Price 2005	Price 2006
FREESIA DOUBLE P.STEM	-35.0	0.129	0.175
FREESIA SINGLE P.ST	-25.5	0.105	0.131
Cumulative week 1 to 40	Supply (%)	Price 2005	Price 2006
FREESIA DOUBLE P.STEM	-19.5	0.147	0.175
FREESIA SINGLE P.ST	-18.0	0.130	0.154

Celosia

Plumes are purchased in small quantities; the price could go in any direction. Celosias with yellow combs and Bombay pink or mixed with Bright colours are well paid.

Week 40	Supply (%)	Price 2005	Price 2006
CELOSIA CRISTATA GRP	12.4	0.251	0.257
CELOSIA OTHER	-35.5	0.289	0.193
CELOSIA PLUMOSA GRP	18.9	0.100	0.080
Cumulative week 1 to 40	Supply (%)	Price 2005	Price 2006
CELOSIA CRISTATA GRP	22.5	0.287	0.285
CELOSIA OTHER	-69.0	0.288	0.280
CELOSIA PLUMOSA GRP	-40.7	0.152	0.151

Hydrangea

There are still considerable quantities of Hydrangeas; during the course of the week the prices are under pressure, and white must also take a step back; light pink has lower quantities, but are expensive -- up to 5.00 euros. As for the white Hydrangeas, towards the end of the week the price dropped.

Week 40	Supply (%)	Price 2005	Price 2006
HYDRANGEA PER UNIT	34.1	1.339	1.225
Cumulative week 1 to 40	Supply (%)	Price 2005	Price 2006
HYDRANGEA PER UNIT	11.2	0.968	1.012

Bouvardia

Bouvardia red, single- and double-flowered white did well this week .

Week 40	Supply (%)	Price 2005	Price 2006
BOUVDARDIA DOUBLE-FLOWERED	116.9	0.301	0.265
BOUVDARDIA SINGLE-FLOWERED	-0.2	0.266	0.244
BOUVDARDIA LONGIFLORA	-13.3	0.136	0.164
Cumulative week 1 to 40	Supply (%)	Price 2005	Price 2006
BOUVDARDIA DOUBLE FLOWERED	51.1	0.294	0.275
BOUVDARDIA SINGLE FLOWERED	16.4	0.233	0.238
BOUVDARDIA LONGIFLORA	-17.5	0.127	0.139

Aster

At the end of the week there were lots of white asters at reasonable prices. Pink Michaelmas daisies are popular, fetching up to €0.26. Dark blue asters astee and pink even fetch over €0.50.

Zantedeschia

The quantities of Zantedeschias are starting to decline; the mango-coloured have become expensive.

Week 40	Supply (%)	Price 2005	Price 2006
ZANTEDESCHIA AETHIOP	28.1	1.356	1.280
ZANTEDESCHIA OTHER	13.0	0.526	0.618
Cumulative week 1 to 40	Supply (%)	Price 2005	Price 2006

ZANTEDESCHIA AETHIOP	-7.0	0.838	0.873
ZANTEDESCHIA OTHER	16.6	0.428	0.404

Brassica

The demand for brassicas (ornamental cabbage) is rising considerably, and is selling in large quantities. The average price rose on Friday to €0.29, while it had been €0.23.

BRASSICA OLERACAE	-43.9	0.137	0.247
Cumulative week 1 to 40	Supply (%)	Price 2005	Price 2006
BRASSICA OLERACAE	-12.5	0.185	0.191

Plants

Green plants:

The average price of Areca, especially in the large pot sizes, is moderate. This also applies to Dracaena in large pot sizes. In the smaller pot sizes, it varies quite a bit. The price usually starts on a reasonable level (above €0.40), but then quickly drops (to approx. €0.25). The supply of Cycas is dropping, but it does not have a positive effect on the average price. The supply of indoor conifers is wide enough; the pyramid forms are better than last year in the comparable period. Calathea fetches reasonable prices. Interest in other green plants, such as Ferns and Dieffenbachia, is also moderate. The supply of Cactus and succulents dropped quite a bit, but here as well, it had no positive influence on the pricing.

Flowering plants:

Flowering plants fetched moderate prices. Gerbera and Begonia were particularly under pressure. This also applies to a great many other products. Chrysanthemums form a positive exception; the supply is increasing, and the prices are on a good level. Anthurium and Phalaenopsis are also fetching good prices on average. The supply of Capsicum and Solanum is declining somewhat, with rising prices as the most important effect.

Garden plants:

The season for the potted up trade has started again, as well as planting root balls. The prices of tree nursery products were better all across the line compared to the previous week. The supply of Callicarpa is growing; plants with lots of berries fetch reasonable to good prices. There is a reasonable supply of buxus; prices for special forms are reasonable; prices for bushes in a 13-cm pot are rising somewhat. The supply of Violets in pot size 9 is growing, Cornutas fetch ± €0.17, and large-flowered roughly €0.15. Cornuta in large 'dressed up' trays and hanging pots bring in good money. The supply of Calluna is stable, and the pricing varies from moderate to reasonable.

