



Van VLIET Flower Group

Grade Sheet

All flowers come in different weights, lengths, head sizes and ripeness stages.
 Knowing the characteristics of the flowers you need will ensure you buy the flowers you want.
 Also, knowing this information will avoid your own customer's dissatisfaction.

Weight

Name	Very L.	Light	Medium	Heavy
Alstroemeria		20-35 gr	40-60 gr	65+ gr
Aster		15-25 gr	30-40 gr	45+ gr
Chamelaucium (Wax)		15-25 gr	30-45 gr	50+ gr
Chrysant Blooms		60-65 gr	70-80 gr	85+ gr
Chrysant Santini		650-850 gr	900-1100 gr	1150+ gr
Chrysant Spray		65-70 gr	75-85 gr	90+ gr
Eucalyptus		130-250 gr	300-350 gr	400+ gr
Freesia	7-11 gr	12-16 gr	17-20 gr	21+ gr
Gladiolus		100-150 gr	150-200 gr	210+ gr
Gypsophilia		15-25 gr	30-40 gr	45+ gr
Limonium		20-25 gr	30-40 gr	45+ gr
Solidago		20-30 gr	35-45 gr	50+ gr
Statice		20-30 gr	35-50 gr	55+ gr
Tulipa		16-23 gr	24-29 gr	30+ gr

Length

Name	Short	Medium	Long
Aconitum	60cm	70-80cm	90cm+
Ammi	60cm	70cm	80cm+
Aspidistra	up to 50cm	55-60cm	70cm+
Asparagus Setaceus	40-45-50cm	55-60cm	80cm+
Bouvardia	60cm	70cm	80cm+
Calla	40cm	60-70cm	80cm+
Calla Aethiopica	60cm	70-80cm	90cm+
Carnation	40-50cm	60cm	70cm+
Carthamus Tinctorius	60cm	70cm	80cm
Eryngium	up to 50cm	55-60cm	70cm+
Eustoma		60-65cm	70cm+
Gladiolus	85cm	90-110cm	115cm+
Gladiolus Colv. (Bridal Gladi)		70cm	
Hard Ruscus	50cm	60cm	70cm+
Helianthus	60cm	70cm	80cm+
Lathyrus	20-25cm	30-35cm	40cm+
Leucospermum	40cm	50cm	60cm+
Mathiola	50cm	55cm	60cm+
Protea	40cm	50cm	70cm+
Snapdragon		70cm	80cm+

Head size

Name	Mini	Small	Medium	Big
Anthurium		9-11cm	13cm	15cm+
Eremurus		45-50-55cm	60-65-70cm	75cm+
Hydrangea	10-12cm	12-16cm	17-19cm	20m+
Rosa Bighead		2.5-3.5cm	4.0-5.5cm	6cm+
Strelizia		17cm	20cm	23cm+

Number of Heads

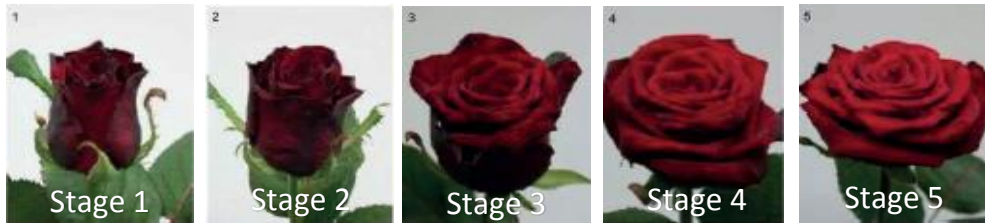
Name	Good	Excellent	Premium
Cymbidium	11	13	15
Hyacinthus Orientalis	10-15 buds	20-25 buds	30+ buds
Lilium LA/AZ	2+	3-4+	5+
Lilium Longi	1+	2+	3+
Lilium Oriental	2+	3-4+	5+
Rosa Spray	3-4+	5-6+	7+

Ripeness

Knowing how to judge the maturity of flowers is really important.

When you know how to do this, you can buy flowers in the exact ripeness stage you need them.

Rule of thumb: For retail, buy between stages 2-3. For events, buy stages 3-4.



Do note colors do make differences. A dark rose is generally harder than a pale or white rose, they go softer much quicker. A lavender/lilac rose is again softer than a pale/white one. This is purely the nature of the product and has nothing to do with freshness or quality.

Horizontal ripeness accounts for all flowers that bloom similar to these roses. (horizontally)



Vertical ripeness accounts for flowers that bloom similar to these delphiniums. (vertically)

1-2 (tight)



1-3 (medium)



3-4 (open)



Ripeness with Helianthus

Do note all flowers are graded at the time of harvest, during transport and packing grades do change slowly.

