

Introduction: Our market bulletin helps inform vendors, farmers and consumers of the types of fresh produce sold for the month by its weight, price and total value in \$NZ. For further information, contact the Policy & Projects Division on phone number 28711 or email us at moa.support@cookislands.gov.ck

Market Bulletin for the Month of August, 2019

Root Crops Sales:

Taro is a constant root crop at the market and its production increased compared to July. This was indicated by its high total value of over a thousand dollars compared to over five hundred dollars for the month of July. It was sold in bags for an average weight of one kilogram at a price of six dollars and fifty cents. Radish and Cassava were also sold but had a lower total value of two hundred dollars and a hundred dollars respectively. Radish was sold in bundles for an average price of two dollars and fifty cents while Cassava was sold at ten dollars for two kilogram bags. The supply of cassava was low for this month, shown by a high selling price of ten dollars, compared to July market price of nine dollars. Kumara and Tarotarua were other root crops captured, however low in total value for both.

Fruits Sales:

Drinking Nuts remain a popular fruit for consumers. It was sold at four dollars with a total value of almost two thousand dollars. Selling price for drinking Nuts have been constant from the last month. Tomatoes were sold for a price of six dollars and fifty cents in one kilogram bags. Banana's are a steady fruit at the market and selling at a lower price of four dollars compared to July's price of almost five dollars. Pawpaw, Cucumber, Capsicum and Beans were other fruits captured for this month. It is noted that fruit values have increased for this month.

Vegetables Sales:

Four vegetables were captured for this month. Pak Choy was in abundance as shown by a high total value of over a thousand dollars. It was sold at an average price of five dollars per one and a half kilogram bags. Lettuce was sold at three dollars per bag of one kilogram. Rukau and Cabbage's were the other vegetables captured and sold at a price of nine dollars and fifty cents for a bundle of Rukau and over three dollars for a single Cabbage. Eggplants was also reported for this month with selling price of five dollars per bag. Total value of vegetable sales for this month was higher when compared to the month of July.

Root Crop Sales for the month of August, 2019

Root Crop	Unit	Average weight (Kg)	Average Price (\$NZ)	Total Value (\$NZ)
Taro	Bags	1.0	6.50	1,019.00
Radish	Bundle	1.0	2.50	215.00
Cassava	Bags	2.0	10.00	110.00
Tarotarua	Bags	2.0	10.00	70.00
Kumara	Bags	1.5	10.00	30.00

Data Source: Ministry of Agriculture, AgINTEL

Fruit Sales for the month of August, 2019

Fruit Name	Unit	Average weight (Kg)	Average Price (\$NZ)	Total Value (\$NZ)
Drinking Nut	Single	1.5	4.00	1,904.00
Tomato	Bags	1.0	6.50	1,690.00
Banana	Hands	1.5	4.00	1,583.00
Pawpaw	Single	1.0	4.00	1,327.00
Cucumber	Single	0.5	2.00	1,207.00
Capsicum	Bags	1.0	5.00	750.00
Beans	Bundle	0.5	3.00	315.00

Data Source: Ministry of Agriculture, AgINTEL

Vegetable Sales for the month of August, 2019

Vegetable Crop	Unit	Average weight (Kg)	Average Price (\$NZ)	Total Value (\$NZ)
Pak Choy	Bags	1.5	5.00	1,240.00
Lettuce	Bags	1.0	3.00	957.00
Rukau	Bundle	1.5	9.50	338.00
Cabbage	Single	0.5	3.50	213.00
Eggplant	Bags	1.0	5.00	125.00

Data Source: Ministry of Agriculture, AgINTEL