

# MITIARO FARMERS REPORT FROM JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2019



**Introduction:** Pa Enea AgINTEL is a collection of data for vegetables, root crops and fruit trees in the Pa Enea. This report is a snap-shot of the above produce for the third quarter (Q3) of 2019. The information compiled is based on the data provided. This bulletin informs farmers and consumers of the types of crops with its value and quantity. For further information, contact Ministry of Agriculture, Corporate Services Division on phone number 28711 or email us at [moa.support@cookislands.gov.ck](mailto:moa.support@cookislands.gov.ck)

## Market Bulletin for Quarter 3 of 2019

### Root crop sales for Quarters 3:

Taro and Kumara were the main root crops planted in this quarter, however, these were planted on a smaller scale and were mostly for household consumption.

### Root crop sales for Quarter 3, 2019

Root crop name	Number of plants	Number sold	Unit	Average Price (\$NZ)
Taro	300	-	Sack	100.00
Kumara	200	-	Bag	10.00

*Data Source: Ministry of Agriculture, AgINTEL*

### Fruit sales for quarter 3:

Bananas, cucumber, tomatoes and watermelon were the most common fruit planted and harvested on the island. Again this was not made available for sale at the market but kept for home consumption.

### Fruit sales for Quarter 3, 2019

Fruit name	Number of plants	Number sold	Unit	Average Price (\$NZ)
Banana	100	-	Hands	10.00
Cucumber	20	-	Single	2.00
Tomatoes	100	-	Bag	6.00
Watermelon	300	-	Single	15.00

*Data Source: Ministry of Agriculture, AgINTEL*

### Vegetable sales for quarter 3:

Capsicum and Rukau were the only vegetables planted and harvested in this quarter. Similar to root crops and fruits, these vegetables were planted for home consumption only.

### Vegetable sales for Quarter 3, 2019

*Data Source: Ministry of Agriculture, AgINTEL*

Vegetable name	Number of plants	Number sold	Unit	Average Price (\$NZ)
Capsicum	100	-	Bags	-
Rukau	350	-	Bundle	-

## LAND USE FOR QUARTER 3:

Land utilization for agriculture is mostly for root crops and vegetable crops which occupied almost fifteen acres of land.

ISLAND	YEAR	LAND USE	SQ. METER (Q3)	TOTAL ACRE (Q3)
Mitiaro	2019	Under fallow/ virgin bush	14,387	3.6
		Under mixed/ other crops	33,387	8.2
		Under root crops	59,691	14.7
		Under tree crops	22,518	5.6
		Under vegetable crops	41,480	10.2

Even though planting of vegetables requires high maintenance and good management techniques, farmers grow these products mainly for household consumption and not for sale.

## LIVESTOCK:

Pigs and Chickens were the most kept livestock for this quarter on Mitiaro, with a total number of over two hundred each. Pigs require proper management compared to chickens. Goats were the least kept livestock on the island with a total count of only fifty.

