

MITIARO REPORT – JANUARY TO MARCH 2020

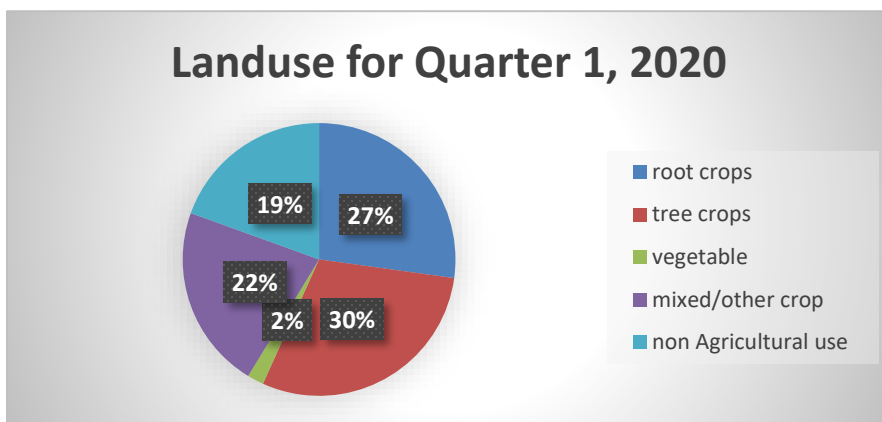


Introduction: Pa Enea AgINTEL is a collection of data for vegetables, root crops and fruit trees in the Pa Enea. This report is a snap-shot of the above produce for the first quarter (Q1) of 2020. The information compiled is based on the data provided. This bulletin informs farmers and consumers of the 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

Market Bulletin for Quarter 1 of 2020

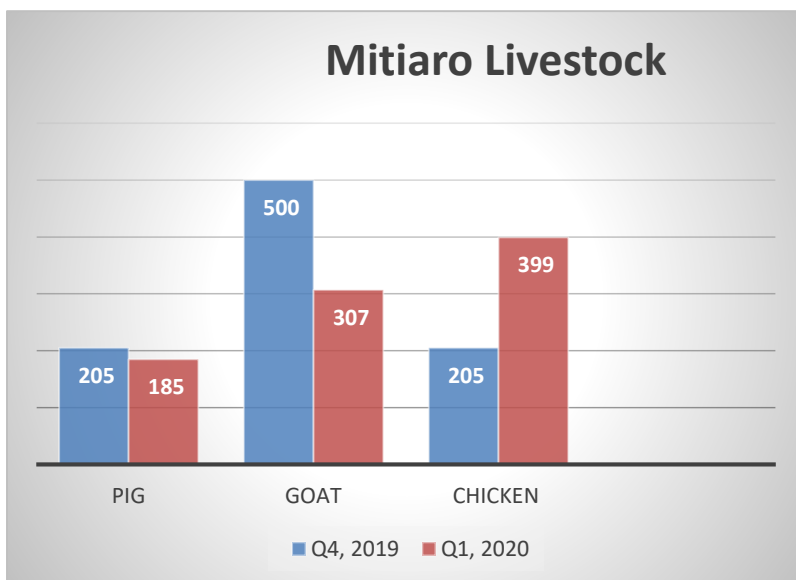
For the first quarter of 2020, no root crops, fruits and vegetables were harvested by Mitiaro Island, but rather preparation and planting for the next quarter was completed.

Land use



30% of the land utilization for agriculture is predominately for tree crops. These crops are more manageable and requires less attention by the farmers when compared to root crops and vegetable that occupies 29% of the land use of agricultural purposes. Farmers on the island grow crops mainly for household consumption and not for sale.

Livestock



Goats and Chickens were the most kept livestock for this quarter on the island. The number of goats maintained by the households has significantly decreased by 62%. This is mainly due to the popularity and an increase in the demand for meat by the consumers. On the other hand, festive season and social gathering deems to be the reasoning for decrease in pig numbers by 10% for this quarter. Chicken which tends to be one of the easiest livestock to manage reported 51% increase in numbers. The introduction of new breed (100 chicken layer) for egg production, reinforced this increase.