

# MAUKE FARMER'S REPORT FROM APRIL - JUNE 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 second quarter (Q2) 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](mailto:moa.support@cookislands.gov.ck)

## Market Bulletin for Quarter 2, 2020

### Fruits

Drinking Nuts and cucumber were the most supplied fruits for this quarter at the market. These fruits were sold at an average price of \$2.50/kg and \$3.30/kg respectively. Other fruits that were supplied to the market for the first time this year were capsicum, pineapple and pumpkin when compared to banana and pawpaw in the first quarter. Rolling out of the Agriculture Response Package and COVID-19 travel restrictions led to vendors supplying the market with various fruits.

### Fruits Sales for Quarter 2, 2020

Crop	Quarter 2			Quarter 1	
	Weight (kg)	Average Price / kg	Total Value (\$NZ)	Weight (kg)	Total Value (\$NZ)
Capsicum	8.0	6.00	48.00		
Cucumber	36.0	3.30	118.80		
Pineapple	12.0	5.00	60.00		
Pawpaw	16.7	5.80	96.90	10.0	20.00
Drinking Nut	160.0	2.50	400.00		
Banana				93.3	560.00
Pumpkin	5.2	5.00	26.00		

### Root Crops

Kumara and Maniota were the only root crops that were supplied to the market at an average price of \$2.80/kg and \$2.50/kg respectively. It is believed that other root crops like tarua and taro that were harvested was mainly for home consumption.

### Root Crops Sales for Quarter 2, 2020

Crop	Quarter 2		
	Weight (kg)	Average Price / kg	Total Value (\$NZ)
Kumara	300.00	2.80	840.00
Maniota	130.00	2.50	325.00

### Vegetables

Cabbages and Pak Choi were the only vegetables supplied to the market for the first time this year. Implementation of the Agriculture Response Package was the main reason for the supply of these two vegetables in the market. Lettuce was also harvested in this quarter however, this was mainly for home consumption and not for sale.

### Vegetables sales for Quarter 2, 2020

Crop	Quarter 2		
	Weight (kg)	Average Price / kg	Total Value (\$NZ)
Cabbage	160.0	2.60	416.00
Pak choi	12.8	3.00	38.40



## Land use

An increase in the land usage for root crops and vegetable crops was noted for this quarter. Farmers have been utilizing land to grow crops like taro, maniota, kumara and tarua mainly for home consumption.

LAND USE	SQUARE METRES	ACRES	SQUARE METRES	ACRES
	Q1	Q1	Q2	Q2
Under mixed/other crops	8,093	2.0	4,047	1.0
Under root crops	72,282	17.9	98,850	24.4
Under tree crops (Fruits & Nuts)	81,322	20.1	78,386	19.4
Under vegetable crops	32,439	8.0	35,005	8.6

## Livestock

An increase in the numbers for all livestock apart from ducks was noted for this quarter. Local Chickens which is the easiest livestock to manage, reported the highest number - 1,954 for this quarter. Pigs followed by goats were the other livestock with the most numbers. The population of ducks has also significantly decreased as this is becoming popular meat that is loved by the locals.

**Note:** Livestock data collected are only for those being well managed by farmers.

