

**Introduction:** Our market bulletin helps inform vendors, farmers and consumers of the types of fresh produce grown and sold for the month by its unit, price and total quantity in \$NZ. For further information, contact Ministry of Agriculture (Corporate Services) on phone number 28711 or email us at [moa.support@cookislands.gov.ck](mailto:moa.support@cookislands.gov.ck)

## Root Crops Sales

Taro, maniota and kumara continues to be the most consistently supplied root crop at the market. Similar to the previous month, tarua and radish were the other root crops that were also supplied at the market. When compared to last month, a decrease in all root crops were noted apart from taro and radish. The supply of Taro increased by 46% while a 4 times increase in the supply of radish was noted.

Interestingly, few vendors have managed to successfully continue the supply of radish again this month by 121kg. Although this is an off peak season for radish, these vendors managed to take the risk and produce this crop. On the other hand, the increase in the supply of taro was due to less demand by hotels and restaurants leading to vendors supplying the crop to the market. For other crops like maniota, kumara and tarua, the vendors opted to leave some of the crops in the ground as a risk of these crops not been bought by the consumers, hence, a decrease in supply.

## Fruit Sales

An increase in the supply of all fruits, apart from pawpaw, was noted for this month. As previously alluded, the re-opening of the market on Saturdays and the reduced demand by hotels has led to more farmers selling their commodities at the market. The outcome of the Agriculture Sector Recovery package further added to this increase. A lot more of the farmers are now having roadside stalls during the week as well which contributed to the increases in the supply of this produce. Cooler weather conditions have also played a part.

A five times increase in the supply of tomatoes was noted for this month when compared to May 2020. An increase in the supply of bananas by almost three times was noted for this month also. A reduction in the supply of pawpaw was noted due to off-peak season. Pawpaw is a tropical fruit and grows well in summer months.

## Vegetable Sales

Rukau, lettuce and pak choi continues to be the main types of vegetables constantly supplied to the market for the first half of this year. An increase in the supply of all vegetables were noted apart from rukau and spinach. The rolling out of the agriculture recovery plan and cooler season were the reasons for the increases.

Root Crops	June 2020				May 2020	
	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)	Average Price (\$NZ) per Kg	Total Value (\$NZ)	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)
Taro	9	615.2	4.80	2,959.72	13	422.2
Maniota	10	307.9	3.60	1,110.12	9	476.4
Kumara	2	307.7	5.60	1,735.09	2	356.0
Radish	2	165.3	4.90	811.43	1	44.2
Tarua	6	136.8	3.30	458.14	6	293.6

Data source: Ministry of Agriculture, AgINTEL

Fruits	June 2020				May 2020	
	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)	Average Price (\$NZ) per Kg	Total Value (\$NZ)	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)
Tomatoes	9	3,880.7	4.50	17,319.24	5	606.5
Cucumber	11	2,013.1	3.20	6,550.56	9	1,079.6
Banana	19	1,102.6	3.90	4,298.50	18	408.9
Drinking Nut	16	827.2	3.50	2,862.44	12	603.1
Pawpaw	10	793.8	2.80	2,233.79	8	926.6
Watermelon	2	506.2	3.90	1,961.23	1	66.0
Eggplant	6	500.0	3.80	1,911.38	5	488.5
Capsicum	7	496.0	6.50	3,211.60	2	39.1
Pineapple	4	410.4	6.90	2,815.20	3	321.4
Orange	8	372.9	5.00	1,845.25	8	251.4

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Vegetables	June 2020				May 2020	
	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)	Average Price (\$NZ) per Kg	Total Value (\$NZ)	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)
Pak Choi	10	362.3	5.80	2,099.32	4	52.0
Rukau	8	177.6	8.20	1,454.01	10	235.2
Lettuce	7	105.5	9.00	948.40	5	10.0
Cabbage	2	43.6	3.10	136.25	1	4.0
Spinach	2	34.4	8.00	274.13	2	36.5

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