

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

Root Crops Sales



Taro, Maniota and Kumara are the most consistently supplied root crops at the market. Similar to previous months, Tarua, Radish, Tumeric and Ginger were the other root crops supplied. A reduction in the supply of all root crops particularly for Tarua (42%) and Taro (39%) was noted. Inconsistent farming patterns, a decrease in demand by the consumers and farmers opting to leave crops in the ground instead of risking it not being sold, played a major role in these reductions. Tumeric was the only root crop that recorded a minimal increase in the supply.

Root Crops	September 2020			August 2020
	Total Weight (Kg)	Average Price (\$NZ) per Kg	Total Value (\$NZ)	Total Weight (Kg)
Maniota	127.7	3.9	500.00	187.6
Taro	209.5	5.3	1,103.00	344.4
Kumara	116.0	5.9	687.00	136.7
Tarua	48.0	5.1	246.00	83.9
Radish	64.1	4.6	293.00	76.5
Ginger	2.3	6.7	15.00	2.5
Tumeric	15.0	0.60	9.00	13.0

Data source: Ministry of Agriculture, AgINTEL

Fruit Sales



Similar to root crops, a reduction in the supply of all fruits, except Bitter melon and Grapefruit, was noted for this month. Demand by the customers, warmer weather conditions and inconsistent farming patterns were the main reasons for the 50% reduction in supply.

As this is the off-peak season for fruits like pawpaw, banana and oranges, added to the decrease in supply. It is anticipated that the supply will increase in the up-coming summer months. We note also the supply of Bitter melon that is utilized by our Filipino community on the island.

Fruits	September 2020			August 2020
	Total Weight (Kg)	Average Price (\$NZ) per Kg	Total Value (\$NZ)	Total Weight (Kg)
Tomatoes	1,273.2	2.6	3,253.00	2,104.2
Pawpaw	553.1	3.8	2,086.00	1,304.1
Cucumber	421.2	6.1	2,585.00	580.0
Banana	73.8	19.0	1,402.00	564.5
Capsicum	174.0	10.7	1,862.00	465.7
Drinking Nut	253.0	6.2	1,563.00	405.5
Eggplant	144.4	9.1	1,311.50	363.9
Orange	60.0	6.2	374.00	245.9
Beans	173.1	6.0	1,035.00	181.6
Lemon	58.5	10.5	614.00	169.1
Bittermelon	22.4	5.8	130.00	
Grapefruit	12.0	6.7	80.00	

Vegetable Sales



Rukau, Lettuce, Cabbage and Pak Choi continues to be the main types of vegetables constantly supplied to the market for the past couple of months, but there has been a decrease in supply noted.

Vegetables	September 2020				August 2020	
	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)	Average Price (\$NZ) per Kg	Total Value (\$NZ)	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)
Cabbage	22	140.3	9.23	1,295.00	9	908.7
Pak Choi	32	368.2	3.30	1,213.50	13	650.8
Rukau	20	44.7	33.21	1,484.00	7	212.0
Lettuce	25	174.0	6.85	1,192.00	9	200.6