

MAUKE FARMER'S REPORT FROM OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2020



Introduction: Pa Enuā AgINTEL is a collection of data for vegetables, root crops and fruit trees in the Pa Enuā. This report is a snapshot of the fourth quarter (Q4) of 2020. The information compiled is based on the data provided by the island. 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 4, 2020

Fruits

Pineapple and watermelon were the most supplied fruits for this quarter on Mauke and sold at an average price of \$6/kg and \$3.75/kg respectively. Capsicum, tomato, rockmelon, pawpaw and pumpkin were the other fruits also supplied by farmers. Warmer weather conditions, peak season for certain fruits and a halt in the tourism industry were the main reasons for the increase in the supply of all fruits to the Mauke market.

Fruits Sales for Quarter 4, 2020

Crop	Quarter 4			Quarter 3	
	Weight (kg)	Average Price / kg	Total Value (\$NZ)	Weight (kg)	Total Value (\$NZ)
Capsicum	252.0	4.00	1,008.00	275.00	1,740.00
Watermelon	1,108.0	3.75	4,155.00	548.00	2,055.00
Pineapple	724.0	6.00	4,344.00	200.00	720.00
Tomato	318.0	6.67	2,120.00	394.00	1,971.40
Zucchini	94.2	33.33	3,140.00	432.00	2,880.00
Banana			-	20.00	200.00
Rockmelon	140.0	4.00	560.00		
Pawpaw	14.0	2.9	40.00		
Malay Apple	5.0	10.0	50.00		
Drinking Nut	100.0	2.0	200.00		
Corn	8.0	15.0	120.00		
Pumpkin	40.0	1.5	60.00		

Root Crops

Ginger and Taro were the most supplied root crop for this quarter with a total of 100kg and 120kg respectively. Accessibility and availability to the market in Rarotonga was the main reason for the enormous supply of ginger. It is deemed that other root crops like Maniota and Tarua were also harvested during this quarter however, it was kept for home consumption only and not for sale at the market.

Rootcrops Sales for Quarter 4, 2020

Crop	Quarter 4			Quarter 3	
	Weight (kg)	Average Price / kg	Total Value (\$NZ)	Weight (kg)	Total Value (\$NZ)
Kumara					
Ginger	100.0	6.00	600.00	460.0	2,990.00
Tarua			200.00	100.0	200.00
Taro	120.0	5.00	600.00	80.0	400.00
Maniota			100.00	50.0	100.00

Vegetables

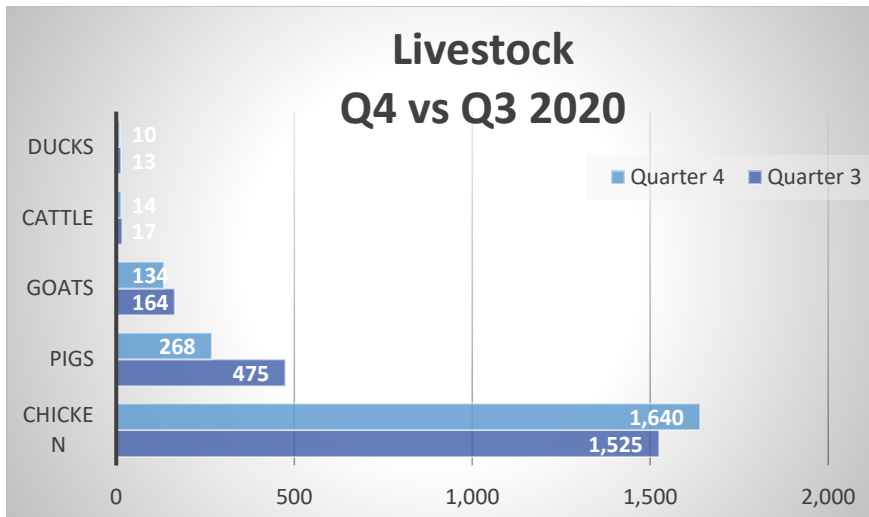
Cabbages and Pak Choi were the only vegetables supplied to the market for this quarter with a total quantity of 90kg and 50kg respectively. Inconsistent farming patterns led to the reduction in the supply of these root crops.

Vegetables sales for Quarter 4, 2020

Crop	Quarter 4			Quarter 3	
	Weight (kg)	Average Price / kg	Total Value (\$NZ)	Weight (kg)	Total Value (\$NZ)
Cabbage	90.0	3.33	300.00	152.8	397.28
Pak choi	50.0	3.33	166.67	6	30.00



Livestock



A reduction in the numbers for all livestock apart from Chicken was noted for this quarter. Local Chicken, which is the easiest livestock to manage, reported the highest number of 1,640. Pigs, followed by goats, were the other livestock with the most numbers. Festive season celebration and family gatherings was the reasons for the reduction in the numbers for these livestock.

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