

ATIU FARMER'S REPORT FROM JANUARY - MARCH 2021



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 first quarter (Q1) of 2021. The information compiled is based on the data provided by the Atiu Agriculture department. 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

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Root Crops & Fruits

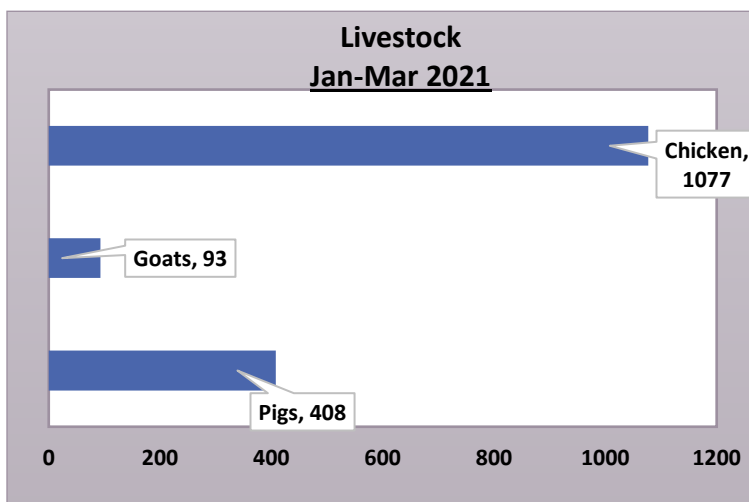
Similar to last quarter, it is reported that all of the crops that were harvested on Atiu was allocated for home consumption only and not made available for sale. These comprised of Maniota, Tarua, Yam, Taro, Banana and Pawpaw.

Land use

LAND USE	SQUARE METRES	ACRES	SQUARE METRES	ACRES
	2021		2020	
	Q1	Q1	Q4	Q4
Under mixed/other crops	8,093.7	2.0		
Under root crops	112,034.0	27.7	110,879.0	27.4
Under tree crops (Fruits & Nuts)	50,187.0	12.4	19,818.0	4.9
Under vegetable crops	12,493.0	3.1	15,871.0	3.9

60% of the land utilized for agricultural purposes was used for the planting of root crops and the remaining areas were used for the planting of vegetables and fruit trees for this quarter. An increase in the land used for fruit trees has been noted for this quarter. We see this as a result of the training in marcotting and pruning provided by the Ministry to Atiu Agriculture staff.

Livestock



Pigs, Goats and Chicken were the only livestock reported by the farmers for this quarter. Chickens comprised 68% of the total livestock followed by pigs and goats.

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