

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 NZD\$. 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

Maniota and Taro is still the most consistently supplied root crop on the market for the first half of this year albeit a reduction noticed for the month of June. We envisage this as a result of preparation of major events happening in the Pa Enua where root crops were provided to support these ceremonies.

Radish was another crop (red and white) supplied to the market this month by a sole vendor. It is encouraging to note that vendors are diversifying with planting of new crops to meet varying customer demands.

Root Crops	June 2021				May 2021	
	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)	Average Price (\$NZ) per Kg	Total Value (\$NZ)	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)
Taro	11	1,689.9	5.90	9,970.41	11	5,931.0
Maniota	9	158.0	4.80	758.40	7	309.0
Radish	1	27.4	4.30	117.82		
Kumara					1	51.0

Data source: Ministry of Agriculture, AgINTEL

Fruit Sales

A reduction in the supply of all fruits apart from Dragonfruit, and Passionfruit was noted for this month. It is anticipated that in the next few months, the supply of fruits to the market will increase as a result of cooler temperatures. Other fruits harvested and sold in minimal quantities were Pumpkin, Pawpaw, Grapefruit, Oranges, Watermelon, Beans, Lime, Avocado, Breadfruit, Bitter melon, Starfruit, Soursop, Wild plum, Okra, Choko and Sweet corn.

Fruits	June 2021				May 2021	
	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)	Average Price (\$NZ) per Kg	Total Value (\$NZ)	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)
Tomatoes	5	622.8	4.30	2,678.04	4	1,598.7
Drinking Nut	16	507.4	3.90	1,978.86	18	774.9
Banana	13	393.1	3.50	1,375.85	16	665.4
Cucumber	6	327.1	3.60	1,177.56	4	758.1
Dragonfruit	3	159.2	5.70	907.44	1	0.8
Eggplant	4	145.5	3.40	494.70	5	333.6
Mandarin	6	136.4	4.10	559.24	6	207.9
Capsicum	1	105.7	4.40	465.08	2	213.4
Passionfruit	4	96.9	3.70	358.53	2	10.8
Lemon	6	84.3	3.20	269.76	12	165.1

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Vegetable Sales

Rukau, Watercress, Lettuce, Pak Choi and Spinach continues to be constantly supplied to the market over the last few months. An increase in the supply of all vegetables apart from Spinach and Rukau was also noted for this month. There are many reasons for the reduction in quantities supplied but we continue to encourage farmers to plant to meet the increase in customers and tourists needs.

Vegetables	June 2021				May 2021	
	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)	Average Price (\$NZ) per Kg	Total Value (\$NZ)	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)
Cabbage	1	226.0	3.50	791.00		
Pak Choi	5	121.9	4.90	597.31	3	35.6
Rukau	5	92.2	8.20	756.04	5	190.3
Lettuce	4	80.8	5.80	468.64	4	49.6
Watercress	1	58.4	10.70	624.88	2	30.6
Spinach	1	41.5	9.90	410.85	2	83.2

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