

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, Taro and Kumara continues to be the most consistently supplied root crop to the market with an increase in supply noted for this month. Tarua, however had a decrease in supply for the month.

April 2021					March 2021	
Root Crops	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)	Average Price (\$NZ) per Kg	Total Value (\$NZ)	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)
Kumara	5	493.7	4.30	2,123.08	4	175.7
Taro	11	393.2	3.30	1,297.56	12	247.5
Maniota	7	241.0	3.20	771.20	11	240.4
Tarua	2	38.8	2.70	104.76	1	60.7

Data source: Ministry of Agriculture, AgINTEL

Fruit Sales

An increase in the supply of all fruits apart from Tomatoes, Watermelon, Cucumber, Dragon Fruit and Pumpkin was noted for this month. Warmer weather conditions and peak season for some of the fruits like Mandarin attributed to these increases. On the other hand, off-peak season (Watermelon and Dragon fruit), inconsistent farming patterns (Pumpkin) and risk of produce being unsold was some of the key reasons for the reduction in the supply of remaining fruits.

It is anticipated that as we move in the cooler season, an increase in the supply of fruits like Tomatoes, Eggplant, and Cucumber will be seen on the market.

Other fruits that were supplied to the market in smaller quantities were Hog Plum, Guava, Lime, Starfruit and Passionfruit.

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Fruits	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)	Average Price (\$NZ) per Kg	Total Value (\$NZ)	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)
Drinking Nut	22	1,246.5	3.60	4,487.40	26	1,115.9
Watermelon	1	1,243.0	3.50	4,350.50	9	2,714.7
Cucumber	3	1,070.9	2.35	2,516.62	10	1,354.2
Banana	19	883.2	2.70	2,384.69	24	743.7
Pawpaw	8	630.6	2.10	1,450.34	10	575.5
Lemon	14	468.3	3.50	1,638.88	15	206.5
Tomatoes	5	453.1	14.30	6,479.62	5	546.5
Avocado	7	449.6	4.00	1,798.24	17	408.4
Eggplant	5	324.2	2.70	875.31	2	308.9
Capsicum	2	305.2	3.70	1,129.24	4	274.3
Mandarin	4	210.9	3.70	780.33	2	44.0
Dragonfruit	2	168.8	3.90	658.32	5	295.0
Orange	5	157.5	3.80	598.50	4	32.9
Pumpkin	2	127.1	4.30	546.70	4	139.1
Corn	1	125.5	3.70	464.35	3	36.6

Data source: Ministry of Agriculture, AgINTEL

Vegetable Sales

Rukau, Watercress, Lettuce, Pak Choi and Spinach continues to be constantly supplied to the market from the beginning of this year. An increase in the supply of all vegetables was noted due to festive gatherings and Saturday market program. Similar to fruits, it is anticipated that as we approach the cooler months, an increase in the supply of vegetables will be seen on the market.

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Vegetables	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)	Average Price (\$NZ) per Kg	Total Value (\$NZ)	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)
Rukau	11	249.8	8.70	2,173.26	7	190.1
Watercress	2	121.5	9.70	1,178.55	2	59.3
Lettuce	9	113.0	8.00	904.00	1	4.8
Pak Choi	3	43.6	7.10	309.56	4	16.2
Spinach	2	10.9	17.00	185.64	1	3.5

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