

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 continues to be the most consistently supplied root crop onto the market. For this month, the supply for Maniota and Taro decreased by 51% and 21% respectively. We believe the majority of taro and maniota was taken by passengers travelling to New Zealand. White radish was also supplied to the market, although in small quantities, by one vendor.

Root Crops	August 2021				July 2021	
	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)	Average Price (\$NZ) per Kg	Total Value (\$NZ)	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)
Taro	7	289.2	5.20	1,503.84	7	367.3
Maniota	9	238.9	5.10	1,218.39	11	489.0
Radish	1	10.9	4.10	44.69	1	8.9

Data source: Ministry of Agriculture, AgINTEL

Fruit Sales



An increase in the supply of fruits was noted for August. Tomatoes was the most supplied fruit to the market similar to last month.

We noted a reduction in the supply of Eggplant, Cucumber and Banana.

Other fruits not reported, but sold in small quantities was Passionfruit, Watermelon, Beans, Starfruit/Carambola, Dragonfruit, Choko, Peas, Okra, Vanilla and Soursop.

Fruits	August 2021				July 2021	
	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)	Average Price (\$NZ) per Kg	Total Value (\$NZ)	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)
Tomatoes	13	1,534.5	3.50	5,370.75	5	1,017.5
Drinking Nut	26	762.3	3.50	2,668.05	21	837.9
Pawpaw	17	656.3	3.20	2,100.16	10	419.2
Capsicum	8	284.4	5.30	1,507.32	3	156.0
Banana	16	244.0	3.30	805.20	15	370.1
Cucumber	12	175.1	3.60	630.36	9	524.9
Eggplant	4	175.1	3.60	630.36	6	260.0
Orange	2	61.8	4.60	284.28	5	215.7
Bitter Melon	1	60.4	4.00	241.60	1	23.9
Lime	3	43.0	6.40	275.20	3	71.5
Lemon	6	41.0	4.50	184.50	8	88.6
Pumpkin	4	31.9	4.30	137.17	1	80.0

Data source: Ministry of Agriculture, AgINTEL

Vegetable Sales



Rukau, Lettuce, Pak Choi and Spinach continues to be consistently supplied to the market. Cabbage and Watercress was also supplied but at reduced quantities. It is encouraging to note that farmers are supplying cabbages to the market because this vegetable is prone to pest damage.

Silk Squash and Spring Onion was also seen on the market for sale.

Vegetables	August 2021				July 2021	
	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)	Average Price (\$NZ) per Kg	Total Value (\$NZ)	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)
Pak Choi	9	297.7	4.70	1,399.19	9	243.2
Lettuce	6	283.5	4.90	1,389.15	8	253.5
Rukau	8	271.5	8.40	2,280.60	7	207.8
Cabbage	2	135.4	4.70	636.38	3	207.1
Spinach	1	43.4	7.90	342.86	1	23.3
Watercress	1	40.7	11.30	459.91	1	42.5

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