

**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](mailto:moa.support@cookislands.gov.ck)

## Root Crops Sales



Taro and Maniota continues to be the most consistently supplied root crop on the market, although in slightly lesser quantities by 23.4% and 20.4% respectively when

compared to the previous month. The other root crop harvested and sold at the market by a single vendor was Kumara.

Root Crops	January 2022				December 2021	
	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)	Average Price (\$NZ) per Kg	Total Value (\$NZ)	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)
Taro	4	67	3.60	241.20	7	314.7
Maniota	2	40	5.00	200.00	5	251.4
Kumara	1	2.3	4.30	9.89		

Data source: Ministry of Agriculture, AgINTEL

## Fruit Sales



Mangoes were in abundance this month, almost six times more in the quantity supplied and sold by the vendors. This month saw a total of 310.8kgs sold at the market as

compared to 54kgs the previous month.

All other tropical fruits saw a reduction in their supply - Watermelon by 78%, Pawpaw by 77%, Pineapple by 74%, Tomatoes by 64% and Bananas by 63%. We believe that unfavorable weather conditions contributed to the reduction in numbers.

Capsicum, Cucumber, Corn, Breadfruit, Lime, Pumpkin, Beans, Starfruit, Eggplant and Soursop were the other fruits reported and again, in smaller quantities during the survey this month.

Fruits	January 2022				December 2021	
	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)	Average Price (\$NZ) per Kg	Total Value (\$NZ)	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)
Watermelon	6	876.00	2.70	2,365.20	8	3,979.2
Drinking Nut	14	423.20	4.20	1,777.44	15	722.2
Tomatoes	5	318.60	3.10	987.66	8	873.8
Mangoes	11	310.80	3.50	1,087.80	2	54.0
Pineapple	3	267.00	7.80	2,082.60	7	1,028.2
Pawpaw	8	138.54	4.80	664.99	12	597.4
Banana	12	116.93	4.80	561.26	17	314.0
Lemon	6	112.80	3.50	394.80	6	120.0
Dragonfruit	5	109.35	6.60	721.71	2	69.4
Passionfruit	12	92.80	5.50	510.40	9	168.8
Avocado	8	90.78	6.30	571.91	2	18.0

Data source: Ministry of Agriculture, AgINTEL

## Vegetable Sales



Surprisingly, with a lot of seedlings sold to the farmers from the Ministry's nursery in the last few months, only three vendors reported selling vegetables this month albeit smaller supplies - Rukau and Lettuce.

Vegetables	January 2022				December 2021	
	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)	Average Price (\$NZ) per Kg	Total Value (\$NZ)	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)
Rukau	2	43.6	8.70	379.32	4	84.9
Lettuce	1	10.2	4.90	49.98	3	20.4

Data source: Ministry of Agriculture, AgINTEL