

**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 continued to be the most consistently supplied root crop on the market this month, although in slightly lesser quantities when compared to last month. Other root crops harvested for the market in smaller quantities, that is, less than 10kgs were white Radish and Tarua.

Root Crops	December 2021				November 2021	
	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)	Average Price (\$NZ) per Kg	Total Value (\$NZ)	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)
Taro	7	374.7	4.60	1,722.08	11	398.8
Maniota	5	391.4	3.90	1,526.46	13	484.6

Data source: Ministry of Agriculture, AgINTEL

## Fruit Sales



Pineapples were in abundance this month almost tripling its supplies harvested for the market by over 1 ton from 400kgs in previous month. Eggplant, Lemon and Passionfruit in uits also increased by 54.3%, 37.9% and 21.0% respectively.

Fruits	December 2021				November 2021	
	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)	Average Price (\$NZ) per Kg	Total Value (\$NZ)	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)
Watermelon	8	3,979.16	3.90	15,507.73	8	5,634.1
Pineapple	7	1,028.20	7.80	8,019.96	6	391.3
Tomatoes	8	873.80	2.60	2,271.88	12	1,503.0
Drinking Nut	15	722.17	3.10	2,238.73	27	1,056.6
Pawpaw	12	597.35	2.10	1,254.44	22	838.7
Banana	17	313.99	3.50	1,098.97	23	536.0
Capsicum	5	264.30	3.30	872.19	8	518.1
Eggplant	3	218.20	2.80	610.96	6	141.4
Cucumber	7	186.45	3.50	652.58	10	542.1
Passionfruit	9	168.80	4.10	692.08	11	139.5
Lemon	6	120.00	3.30	396.41	7	87.0

Data source: Ministry of Agriculture, AgINTEL

All other tropical fruits showed reductions in their supplies to the market, noticeably Watermelon from 5.6 tons previously to 4.0 tons this month, Bananas by 41.4% less, Tomatoes by 41.9%, Capsicum by 49.0% and Cucumbers by 65.6%. These reductions could be due to unfavorable weather conditions affecting these crops, also due to less demand seen at the market opting farmers to bring only a few supplies.

Dragonfruit, Lime, Pumpkin, Beans, Bitter melon, Mangoes, Corn, Breadfruit, Avocado and Soursop were the other fruits reported in smaller quantities during the survey this month.

## Vegetable Sales



The five main crops of vegetables surveyed this month were Cabbages, Lettuces, Rukau, Chinese cabbages and Watercress, with all showing increases in their supplies to the market when compared to the

previous month. Cabbages tripled its supplies to over 300kgs, followed by Rukau and Watercress doubling their supplies. Other vegetables reported were Spinach, Kale and Spring Onion.

Vegetables	December 2021				November 2021	
	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)	Average Price (\$NZ) per Kg	Total Value (\$NZ)	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)
Rukau	4	84.9	8.90	755.61	4	84.8
Watercress	1	47.0	9.40	441.80	2	70.0
Cabbage	1	34.0	4.70	159.80	1	71.6
Pak Choi	3	24.1	4.30	103.58	6	96.4
Lettuce	3	20.4	6.60	134.77	5	64.4

Data source: Ministry of Agriculture, AgINTEL