

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



Taro, Maniota and Kumara continues to be the most consistently supplied root crop on the market this month with notable increases from previous month. Kumara tripled its supplies with Taro doubling its supplies and Maniota increasing by 58%. These increases were evident at the World Food Day held on the 15th October 2021 with farmers planting a lot more of their crops with different varieties appearing on the day.

Root Crops	October 2021				September 2021	
	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)	Average Price (\$NZ) per Kg	Total Value (\$NZ)	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)
Taro	13	438.6	3.90	1,710.54	9	214.0
Maniota	12	387.0	3.80	1,470.60	9	245.1
Kumara	5	266.7	6.40	1,706.88	4	53.8
Radish	2	71.7	6.20	444.54	2	8.8

Data source: Ministry of Agriculture, AgINTEL

Fruit Sales



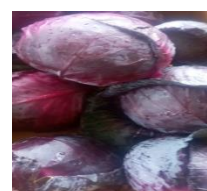
The supply of all fruits reported increased for this month, primarily due to the World Food Day event with farmers ready and harvesting their crops. Noticed also on the day is the presence of the Island of Mauke Agriculture with over 600kg of fresh produce.

Over 2.5 tons of tomatoes were harvested this month. Other noticeable increases came from Watermelon with 990kg more when compared to previous month. Other fruits reported were Bitter melon, Soursop, Lemon, Mangoes, Breadfruit, Grapefruit, Orange, Avocado, Choko, Zucchini, Lime and Apple star.

Fruits	October 2021				September 2021	
	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)	Average Price (\$NZ) per Kg	Total Value (\$NZ)	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)
Tomatoes	19	2,579.6	3.10	7,996.76	8	1,389.6
Drinking Nut	29	1,339.1	3.20	4,285.12	22	497.2
Watermelon	5	1,030.0	3.90	4,017.00	1	44.0
Cucumber	13	798.7	4.40	3,514.28	7	334.6
Pawpaw	22	763.7	2.30	1,756.51	9	301.7
Capsicum	15	736.8	3.90	2,873.52	6	400.8
Banana	32	608.6	10.20	6,156.72	18	215.1
Eggplant	7	267.8	3.30	883.74	4	131.1
Pumpkin	13	230.6	3.00	691.80	4	100.2
Pineapple	1	137.2	10.80	1,481.76		
Passionfruit	3	110.7	2.80	309.96	2	6.6
Beans	6	99.2	8.10	803.52	2	30.2

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Vegetable Sales



The five main types of vegetables surveyed this month were the Cabbages, Lettuces, Rukau, Chinese cabbages and Watercress, with all showing increases in their supplies to the market when compared to previous month. Cabbage tripled its supplies to over 300kgs, followed by Rukau and Watercress doubling their supplies. Other vegetables reported were Spinach, Kale and Spring Onion.

Vegetables	October 2021				September 2021	
	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)	Average Price (\$NZ) per Kg	Total Value (\$NZ)	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)
Cabbage	4	304.1	5.50	1,672.55	4	72.9
Lettuce	13	295.5	6.20	1,832.10	11	179.8
Rukau	10	223.5	8.90	1,989.15	8	112.5
Pak Choi	7	179.3	4.90	878.57	9	111.8
Watercress	2	107.0	10.70	1,144.90	2	54.0

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