

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 and Maniota continues to be the most consistently supplied root crop on the market, even-though quantities have declined from previous months by 21% and 51% respectively. These reductions was due to the absence of tourists on the island and with only few customers buying from the market, making vendors opt to harvest and bring only a few. Other root crops sold at the market were turmeric, white and red radish.

Root Crops	September 2021				August 2021	
	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)	Average Price (\$NZ) per Kg	Total Value (\$NZ)	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)
Maniota	9	245.1	3.30	808.83	9	238.9
Taro	9	214.0	5.30	1,134.20	7	289.2
Kumara	4	53.8	3.90	209.82		

Data source: Ministry of Agriculture, AgINTEL

Fruit Sales



An increase in the supply of Cucumber, Capsicum, Orange, Pumpkin, Lemon, Watermelon and Snake Beans was noted this month. Tomatoes was the most supplied fruit to the market with over 1.3 ton this month. On the contrary, a notable reduction was seen in the supply of Pawpaw, Drinking nuts and Eggplants appearing at the market and roadside stalls. We anticipated an increase in the supply of these fruits in the coming months with farmers getting ready their crops for the Agriculture World Food Day. Other fruits not reported but sold in small quantities were Bitter melon, Passionfruit, Dragonfruit, Sweet Corn, Breadfruit, Mandarin, Choko, Soursop, Lime and Zucchini.

Fruits	September 2021				August 2021	
	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)	Average Price (\$NZ) per Kg	Total Value (\$NZ)	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)
Tomatoes	8	1,389.6	3.30	4,585.68	13	1,534.5
Drinking Nut	22	497.2	3.30	1,640.76	26	762.3
Capsicum	6	400.8	4.60	1,843.68	8	284.4
Cucumber	7	334.6	3.20	1,070.72	12	175.1
Pawpaw	9	301.7	2.60	784.42	17	656.3
Banana	18	215.1	3.60	774.36	16	244.0
Eggplant	4	131.1	3.60	471.96	4	175.1
Pumpkin	4	100.2	4.30	430.86	4	31.9
Orange	4	74.3	4.30	319.49	2	61.8
Lemon	8	71.2	3.40	242.08	6	41.0

Data source: Ministry of Agriculture, AgINTEL

Vegetable Sales



A reduction in the supply of vegetables was noted this month. Watercress is the only vegetable showing increases in its market supply by 25% from two vendors. Lettuce of both hydroponic and tropical varieties were the most supplied vegetable to the market. The reduction in the supply of Rukau, Pak Choi, Cabbage and Spinach was due to farmers opting to bring only a few to the market with less people visiting and buying from the market.

Vegetables	September 2021				August 2021	
	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)	Average Price (\$NZ) per Kg	Total Value (\$NZ)	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)
Lettuce	11	179.8	5.70	1,024.97	6	283.5
Rukau	8	112.5	8.20	922.50	8	271.5
Pak Choi	9	111.8	5.60	626.08	9	297.7
Cabbage	4	72.9	5.70	415.59	2	135.4
Watercress	2	54.0	7.10	383.40	1	40.7