

# AGRICULTURE MARKET BULLETIN 04/22

**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, Maniota and Kumara are still the most consistently supplied root crop on the market. Taro dominates the market with a total weight provided of 318.7kg.

April 2022					March 2022	
Rootcrops	No. of Vendors	Total Weight (kg)	Average Price (\$\$) Per Kg	Total Value (\$NZ)	No. of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)
Kumara	2	57.7	5.08	293.12	6	150.6
Maniota	8	160.3	4.43	710.13	4	111.7
Taro	12	318.7	5.83	1,858.02	12	316.5

Data source: Ministry of Agriculture, AgINTEL

## Fruits Sales



Drinking nuts are still popular and provided at the market since January. Surprisingly, dragonfruit is still appearing consistently on the market with four vendors supplying this month. Avocado, banana, corn, cucumber, eggplant, pawpaw, tomatoes and watermelon appeared on the market. Other tropical fruits that were provided, to the market for sale in small quantities this month were mandarin, passionfruit, bitter melon, okra, pineapple, jackfruit, breadfruit, starfruit, grapefruit, zucchini and soursop. These could be due to unfavorable weather conditions experienced this month affecting these crops and production coming to the end.

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Fruits	No. of Vendors	Total Weight (kg)	Average Price (NZ\$\$) per KG	Total Value (\$NZ)	No. of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)
Watermelon	3	1,280.5	3.62	4,635.41	1	9.50
Drinking Nut	27	1,183.5	4.30	5,089.05	31	1,017.74
Cucumber	10	792.5	3.93	3,114.53	17	1,231.02
Banana	23	325.7	5.67	1,846.72	28	504.68
Tomatoes	7	301.5	5.47	1,649.42	3	253.00
Pawpaw	5	296.7	3.63	1,077.02	9	412.06
Avocado	10	240.5	5.82	1,399.71	17	218.79
Eggplant	5	231.4	3.94	911.72	6	316.83
Corn	2	225.7	5.15	1,162.36	3	45.59
Orange	8	178.2	4.22	752.17	4	61.80
Lemon	16	177.0	4.61	815.97	13	160.25
Dragonfruit	4	167.7	8.59	1,440.46	5	151.00
Beans	6	167.0	10.57	1,765.19	11	192.39
Capsicum	4	133.7	4.66	623.04	4	124.54
Pumpkin	4	120.5	4.58	551.66	2	108.72
Lime	7	100.7	6.18	622.20	3	19.80

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## Vegetable Sales



Rukau is still the dominant leafy vegetable on the market sitting at 238.3kg this month, an increase from 233.5kg in March. We saw an increase in vendors and volume in the Chinese cabbage (Pak Choi) this month as it is quick to grow and requires minimal maintenance. Watercress increased in volume due to production and market demand. It sells out as soon as it appears! Spring onion and lettuce continues to appear at the market but with reduced suppliers. Spinach and silverbeet also made an appearance on the market this month.

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Vegetables	No. of Vendors	Total Weight (KG)	Average Price (\$NZ) per KG	Total Value (\$NZ)	No. of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)
Rukau	7	238.3	10.00	2,383.00	9	233.5
Pak Choi	6	110.3	4.93	543.78	3	25.0
Watercress	1	47.3	6.67	315.69	1	24.3
Spinach	1	6.1	5.00	30.60		
Spring Onion	2	1.2	4.00	4.84	1	1.3
Lettuce	1	1.0	3.00	2.88	3	20.3
Silverbeet	1	0.3	5.00	1.65		

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