

# AGRICULTURE MARKET BULLETIN 04/23



**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 remain our top root crops surveyed this month, both showing increases from previous month by 90% and 37% respectively. Noticed also are the increases in the number of vendors selling these produces, an increase of 5 vendors for maniota and 3 for taro. Kumara is the only other root crop appearing on the market with over 55kgs.

Root Crops	April 2023				March 2023	
	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)	Average Price (\$NZ) per Kg	Total Value (\$NZ)	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)
Taro	9	620.0	5.50	3,410.00	6	327.0
Maniota	7	327.6	3.60	1,179.36	2	240.0
Kumara	1	55.2	5.70	314.64		

Data source: Ministry of Agriculture, AgINTEL

## Fruits Sales



Drinking Nuts and Watermelon continue to be popular on the market, showing increases when compared to previous month by 30% (480kgs) and 22% (275kgs) respectively. Of all the fruits reaching over the 100kgs threshold Cucumber, Pawpaw, Banana,

Avocado, Orange and Lemon all reported increases compared to March, whereas Dragon-fruit showed reductions in their market supplies. Pawpaw recorded the highest increases by 504kgs and followed by Drinking Nuts.



Other fruits appearing on the market in smaller quantities are Starfruits, Snake Beans, Sweet Corn, Lime, Mandarin, Bitter melon, Capsicum, Pumpkin, Mangoes, Grapefruit, Zucchini, Passionfruit and Hog Plum.

Fruits	April 2023				March 2023	
	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)	Average Price (\$NZ) per Kg	Total Value (\$NZ)	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)
Drinking Nut	28	2,066.0	4.30	8,892.94	22	1,586.2
Watermelon	3	1,538.0	4.20	6,459.60	5	1,263.3
Cucumber	7	996.3	4.30	4,283.27	11	638.2
Pawpaw	8	824.3	4.50	3,709.44	10	320.4
Banana	29	664.8	5.10	3,390.58	23	623.6
Avocado	17	381.9	5.60	2,138.81	8	250.8
Dragonfruit	3	365.0	5.60	2,044.00	9	468.9
Orange	4	348.2	4.20	1,462.44	6	199.0
Eggplant	3	194.9	4.50	876.51	6	194.3
Lemon	12	151.1	4.90	740.39	8	99.4

Data source: Ministry of Agriculture, AgINTEL

## Vegetables Sales



Rukau, Pak Choi and Watercress remains our top selling green vegetables since January, and all



have reported increases this month. Cabbage and Silverbeet are the only other vegetables appearing on the market with over 100kgs and almost 40kgs respectively.

Vegetables	April 2023				March 2023	
	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)	Average Price (\$NZ) per Kg	Total Value (\$NZ)	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)
Rukau	8	363.9	11.00	4,002.90	7	259.9
Pak Choi	2	166.7	5.40	900.18	6	89.7
Watercress	2	136.4	12.90	1,759.94	2	78.8
Cabbage	1	108.8	6.00	652.80	3	13.6
Silverbeet	1	38.4	7.10	272.64		

Data source: Ministry of Agriculture, AgINTEL

The low production is normal for vegetables these couple of months due to our weather conditions, and we look forward to seeing increases in productions in the coming months.