

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 are still the most consistently supplied root crops on the market together with Kumara reported for this month, although in smaller quantities when compared to previous month.

Some vendors had opted to do online sales, and for some keeping whatever they have for families and family gatherings and celebrations.

Root Crops	December 2022				November 2022	
	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)	Average Price (\$NZ) per Kg	Total Value (\$NZ)	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)
Maniota	4	120.0	4.00	480.00	7	181.4
Taro	4	76.8	6.50	499.20	15	503.3
Kumara	1	19.1	4.70	89.68	11	329.0

Data source: Ministry of Agriculture, AgINTEL

Fruits Sales



Watermelon, Tomatoes, Pineapple, and Drinking Nut dominated the fruit crop sales, supplying over 500kgs each this month. Other tropical fruits harvested this month in small quantities are Dragonfruit

(99.1kgs), Passionfruit (41.6kgs), Pumpkin (36.6kgs), Bitter-melon (29.8kgs), Lime (20.2kgs), Lemon (10.0kgs), Okra (5.8kgs), Sweet Corn (3.4kgs), Soursop (3.0kgs), and Breadfruit (2.5kgs). Also noticed is the drought experienced this last couple of months resulting in water shortages around the island affecting the farmers harvests. This have contributed to the reduction in the quantities appearing on the market.

Fruits	December 2022				November 2022	
	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)	Average Price (\$NZ) per Kg	Total Value (\$NZ)	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)
Watermelon	7	938.5	6.30	5,912.61	11	3,761.9
Tomatoes	8	730.6	3.90	2,849.46	19	1,852.1
Pineapple	9	597.7	9.00	5,378.94	10	114.6
Drinking Nut	16	587.3	4.30	2,525.39	28	1,574.9
Cucumber	7	367.7	6.00	2,206.20	17	1,153.2
Pawpaw	7	316.9	5.20	1,647.62	21	1,838.0
Banana	17	217.8	6.00	1,306.62	24	824.2
Mangoes	7	130.7	5.50	718.85	9	337.7
Capsicum	6	115.9	6.30	729.98	15	681.3
Eggplant	3	102.5	5.40	553.23	5	265.2
Beans	5	100.6	9.10	915.28	7	259.1

Data source: Ministry of Agriculture, AgINTEL

Vegetables Sales



Rukau continue to be the dominant leafy vegetable on the market for this month with English Cabbage reporting over 60kgs of each. Chinese cabbage (Pak Choi) and Lettuce were the other vegetables appearing in lesser quantities.

Vegetables	December 2022				November 2022	
	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)	Average Price (\$NZ) per Kg	Total Value (\$NZ)	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)
Cabbage	3	66.6	5.00	333.10	5	208.8
Rukau	4	65.1	9.10	592.41	9	86.5
Pak Choi	2	32.7	6.40	209.02	5	160.6
Lettuce	2	24.3	9.00	219.06	7	86.5

Data source: Ministry of Agriculture, AgINTEL