

**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, Kumara and Maniota remains our top root crop for the months of January into February. It is pleasing to see that the total weight of taro increased by 192kg from 280.9kg in January to 472.9kg in February. Unfortunately, the price dropped by \$2.50 p/kg from \$8.50p/kg to \$6.00 p/kg this month. The same applied to kumara with an increase in weight by 131.6 p/kg and price reduction by \$3.00 p/kg from \$6.70 to \$3.70. The increase in vendors this month is a contributing factor to the volume and price change. Maniota on the other hand, saw a reduction across all aspects – vendor, weight and price.

Root Crops	February 2023				January 2023	
	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)	Average Price (\$NZ) per Kg	Total Value (\$NZ)	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)
Taro	11	472.9	6.00	2,837.40	9	280.9
Kumara	5	402.6	3.70	1,489.77	3	271.0
Maniota	6	295.8	4.30	1,271.94	7	331.7

*Data source: Ministry of Agriculture, AgINTEL*

## Fruits Sales

Fruits such as Drinking Nut, Dragonfruit, Bananas, Cucumber, Avocado, Eggplant, Oranges, Capsicum and Lime increased in volume from the last month, which is good to see as it shows that with the majority of our fruits on the market, we have an increase in vendors equating to increase in yield. Dragonfruit by far increased the most to 664.9kg from 112.4kg whilst drinking coconuts, saw an increase of 1081.6kg from 1161.4kg in January to 2243.0kg. Watermelon, Tomatoes, Cucumber, Pawpaw, and Passionfruit decreased even with an increase in vendors selling their products at the Market or by the roadside.



Fruits	February 2023				January 2023	
	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)	Average Price (\$NZ) per Kg	Total Value (\$NZ)	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)
Drinking Nut	29	2,243.0	3.60	8,074.80	23	1,161.4
Watermelon	6	1,600.0	4.90	7,839.90	10	2,701.7
Dragonfruit	8	777.3	5.80	4,508.34	5	112.4
Banana	31	569.5	6.00	3,417.18	20	297.9
Tomatoes	6	497.3	6.90	3,431.23	8	676.2
Cucumber	9	354.9	4.70	1,668.03	8	657.3
Avocado	17	262.6	8.20	2,153.64	6	70.3
Pawpaw	13	257.1	7.20	1,850.98	9	313.3
Eggplant	4	213.1	6.30	1,341.58	6	180.7
Orange	4	146.0	5.40	788.40	3	23.0
Beans	6	118.7	6.90	819.03	4	117.2
Passionfruit	8	118.4	8.30	982.64	11	188.4
Capsicum	7	104.1	11.80	1,228.14	5	87.1
Lime	5	102.7	8.40	863.02	2	11.8

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## Vegetables Sales



Rukau remains our popular green vegetable over Watercress, Pak Choi, Lettuce and Cabbage. With an increase in vendors this month, Rukau increased by 85.5kg from 204.9kg in January. Watercress decreased by 96.4kg, Lettuce by 12.2kg and Cabbage by 33.0kg. The low numbers of green vegetables is normal during these times but as we head towards

the end of summer, we hope to see these numbers improve in the coming cooler months.

Vegetables	February 2023				January 2023	
	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)	Average Price (\$NZ) per Kg	Total Value (\$NZ)	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)
Rukau	12	289.4	11.40	3,299.16	8	204.9
Watercress	2	100.4	13.10	1,315.24	3	196.8
Pak Choi	4	57.6	8.60	495.53	3	30.3
Lettuce	4	32.5	12.60	409.75	4	44.7
Cabbage	1	12.0	5.00	60.00	2	45.8

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