

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 continued to be our most available root crop for the month of June. While we had 10 vendors selling taro compared to 7 in May, the total weight sold at the market and roadside reduced by 50.9kg. We can only speculate that this is due to either taro taken by returning Cook Islanders to NZ and Australia, taro being sent to Nga Pu Toru for the 200 years celebration in July, taro being sold privately before reaching the market or there was not enough taro planted to reach June. The same reasons could also be said for Maniota which reduced by 3 vendors at 263.7kg. Kumara was not present at all. It will be interesting to see if these root crops will remain the same in the month of July when we expect to see a few more Community celebrations taking place.



Root Crops	June 2023				May 2023	
	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)	Average Price (\$NZ) per Kg	Total Value (\$NZ)	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)
Taro	10	505.6	5.00	2,528.00	7	556.5
Maniota	4	148.0	6.70	991.60	7	411.7
Kumara					1	52.8

Data source: Ministry of Agriculture, AgINTEL

Fruits Sales



Of our fruit sales in June, pineapple increased by 206.3kg from 26.7kg, mandarin by 116.3kg from 78.5kg, and tomatoes by 319.4kg from 511.7kg. On the other hand, we saw reduction in Drinking Coconuts by 817.1kg from 2066.0kg, Bananas by 62.1kg from 664.8kg, Cucumber by 437.1kg from 996.3kg and Avocado by 167.9kg from 381.9kg. Cucumber was severely impacted due to the rain that we experienced in June, however, compared to root crops, regular fruits were still available at variable quantities. It is important to note



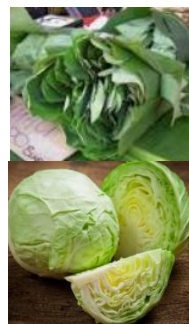
that the price of our produce did not change much even with the change of volume.

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	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)	Average Price (\$NZ) per Kg	Total Value (\$NZ)	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)
Drinking Nut	21	1248.9	4.40	3,734.94	28	2,066.0
Tomatoes	8	831.1	4.90	4,072.39	2	511.7
Pawpaw	12	808.5	4.00	3,236.66	8	824.3
Banana	16	602.7	4.80	1,692.96	29	664.8
Orange	10	295.1	4.60	1,081.46	4	348.2
Pineapple	1	233.0	7.50	1,747.50	2	26.7
Eggplant	5	216.6	4.40	821.04	3	194.9
Mandarin	6	194.8	5.70	939.36	2	78.5
Cucumber	4	559.2	5.20	567.84	7	996.3
Lemon	13	183.8	6.00	562.80	12	151.1
Avocado	4	214.0	5.40	615.60	17	381.9

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Vegetables Sales

We continue to see our leafy vegetables on the market with Rukau, Pak Choi, and Cabbages on the increase while Watercress and Lettuce reducing in volume. To outline, Cabbages increased by 4 vendors and by weight of 144.4kg from 180.6kg, Pak choi had the same number of vendors but increased by 69.1kg from 273.4kg. The number of vendors for Rukau dropped but the volume increased by 35.7kg from 352.7kg. On the downside, watercress decreased to a single vendor and by 43.6kg, lettuce by 35.2kg from 110.4kg even with an increase in vendors.



Like our fruits, it is good to see that our farmers continued supplying us with vegetables and at similar prices from May. Even with the rain we experienced in June, this did not have a major impact on the availability of our leafy vegetables in comparison to our root crops.

Vegetables	June 2023				May 2023	
	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)	Average Price (\$NZ) per Kg	Total Value (\$NZ)	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)
Rukau	7	388.4	10.80	4,194.72	8	352.7
Pak Choi	7	342.5	4.50	1,541.25	7	273.4
Cabbage	4	325.0	7.70	2,502.50	1	180.6
Watercress	1	97.7	10.00	977.00	2	141.3
Lettuce	5	75.2	3.50	263.03	4	110.4

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