

AGRICULTURE MARKET BULLETIN 03/22



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

Root Crops Sales



Taro, Maniota, Kumara continued to be the most consistently supplied root crops on the market this month. Tarua didn't make any appearance on the market this month despite being a promising rootcrop.

March 2022					February 2022	
Rootcrop	No. of Vendors	Total Weight (kg)	Average Price (\$\$) per Kg	Total Value (\$NZ)	No. of Vendors	Total Weight (kg)
Kumara	6	150.6	3.92	583.1	4	205.1
Maniota	4	111.7	3.40	380.05	9	252.6
Taro	12	316.5	4.95	1568.1	8	327

Data source: Ministry of Agriculture, AgiNTEL

Fruit Sales

Drinking Nuts and Banana still continue to appear and consistence on the market. Cucumber has increased compared to February's market data with a total weight of



1,231.02kg from 481.3kg. Capsicum, Snake Beans, Eggplant and Pumpkin also appeared strongly on the market with no appearance in February.

Other tropical fruits shows an appearance in their supplies due to less demands seen with only a

few people buying from these market vendors. These reductions could also be due to unfavorable weather conditions experienced this month affecting these crops or production coming to an end.

March 2022					February 2022	
Fruits	No. of Vendors	Total Weight (kg)	Average Price (\$\$) per Kg	Total Value (\$NZ)	No. of Vendors	Total Weight (kg)
Avocado	17	218.79	5.14	1,124.72	16	341.62
Banana	28	504.68	3.71	2,212.04	29	875.22
Beans	11	192.39	5.99	1,153.22		
Capsicum	4	124.54	3.70	461.85		
Cucumber	17	1231.02	2.54	3,853.29	6	481.3
Dragonfruit	5	151	5.08	767.12	4	360.72
Drinking Nut	31	1017.74	3.73	4,182.90	29	1465.8
Eggplant	6	316.83	3.56	1,139.85		
Lemon	13	160.25	3.00	522.89	16	355.6
Pawpaw	9	412.06	4.00	1,649.51	14	489.16
Pumpkin	2	108.72	4.67	508.45		
Tomatoes	3	253	4.93	1,220.69	5	365.4

Data source: Ministry of Agriculture, AgiNTEL

March 2022					February 2022	
Vegetables	No. of Vendors	Total Weight (kg)	Average Price (\$\$) per kg	Total Value (kg)	No. of Vendors	Total Weight (kg)
Lettuce	3	26.8	7.85	207.8	0	0
Pak Choi	3	25	5.00	125	0	0
Rukau	9	235.5	9.02	1992.5	7	253.3
Spring Onion	1	1.3	7.87	10.23	1	3.2
Watercress	1	46.7	8.43	396.25	1	67.2

Data source: Ministry of Agriculture, AgiNTEL

Corn, Breadfruit, Mangoes, Lime, Starfruit, Oranges and Mandarin, Bitter melon, Passionfruit and Custard apple were the other fruits reported in smaller quantities during the survey this month.

Vegetable Sales



Rukau still appeared consistently on the market with 235.5kg for this month. Surprisingly, Lettuce and Chinese cabbage (Pak Choi) re-emerged on the market as expected due to a lot of rain in the early month. Watercress and Spring onion has slowed down for this month with 46.7kg from 67.2kg and 1.3kg from 3.2kg compared to February. Although a lot of seedlings were sold out to farmers, due to frequent rainfall in the months of February and March and especially crops being damaged in February contributed to the reason less vegetables appeared on the market.

We hope to see the quantity of vegetables increase in the months to come.