

**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, Maniota, Kumara are still the most consistently supplied root crops on the market, even-though their quantities have declined by 23%, 39% and 63% respectively, compared with the previous month. Tarua another promising root crop, with a very long shelf-life, is again being sold at the market after 3 months.

Root Crops	May 2022				April 2022	
	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)	Average Price (\$NZ) per Kg	Total Value (\$NZ)	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)
Taro	11	269.1	4.80	1,291.68	13	348.7
Maniota	6	158.8	3.50	555.80	11	259.3
Kumara	2	29.4	4.40	129.36	3	79.3
Tarua	1	11.2	3.60	40.32		

*Data source: Ministry of Agriculture, AgINTEL*

## Fruits Sales



Tomatoes and Drinking nuts dominated the fruit crops, with over a ton of each produce on retail this month. Other fruits appearing with high demands were Cucumber, Eggplant, Pawpaw, Capsicum and Pineapple. In the contrary Watermelon and Snake Beans showed reductions in their supplies by 57% and 25% respectively. These could be due to unfavorable weather conditions experienced during previous months affecting these crops and for some, productions coming to the end. These also affecting the following tropical fruits appearing in smaller quantities namely lemon, mandarin, pumpkin, lime, orange, dragonfruit, passionfruit, bitter melon, okra, starfruit, grapefruit, avocado and Hog Plum.

Fruits	May 2022				April 2022	
	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)	Average Price (\$NZ) per Kg	Total Value (\$NZ)	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)
Tomatoes	8	1,353.2	3.10	4,194.92	9	524.7
Drinking Nut	27	1,263.1	3.70	4,673.47	30	1,366.8
Cucumber	11	994.9	3.60	3,581.64	14	930.0
Watermelon	5	662.8	3.30	2,187.24	5	1,559.5
Eggplant	8	523.3	2.80	1,465.24	7	263.8
Banana	23	378.7	6.30	2,385.68	25	380.5
Pawpaw	8	365.8	4.30	1,572.94	7	320.0
Capsicum	9	274.4	4.60	1,262.42	5	143.7
Pineapple	2	219.6	8.50	1,866.60	1	25.3
Beans	6	135.0	5.60	755.89	6	181.0

*Data source: Ministry of Agriculture, AgINTEL*

## Vegetable Sales



Rukau continue to be the dominant leafy vegetable on the market this month even-though it had shown reductions in its supplies by 8% (21kg) that is from 273kg to 252kg. Chinese cabbage (Pak Choi) and Lettuce increased from previous month by 10kg and 62kg. Watercress and Spinach still appears on the market with vendors focusing more on rukau, lettuce and pak choi as they are faster to grow and easier to manage.

Vegetables	May 2022				April 2022	
	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)	Average Price (\$NZ) per Kg	Total Value (\$NZ)	No of Vendors	Total Weight (Kg)
Rukau	6	251.9	8.20	2,065.44	7	273.1
Pak Choi	5	120.5	4.90	590.45	6	110.3
Lettuce	5	77.1	8.60	663.06	2	14.8
Watercress	1	46.2	8.30	383.46	1	63.4
Spinach	2	2.4	12.50	30.00	1	6.1

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