

# AGRICULTURE MARKET BULLETIN



**Introduction:** Our market bulletin helps inform vendors, farmers and consumers of the types of fresh produce grown and sold for the months of July, August, September by units, average price and total quantity in NZD\$. For further information, contact Ministry of Agriculture on phone number 28711 or email us at [moa.support@cookislands.gov.ki](mailto:moa.support@cookislands.gov.ki)

## JULY to SEPTEMBER QUARTER 2023

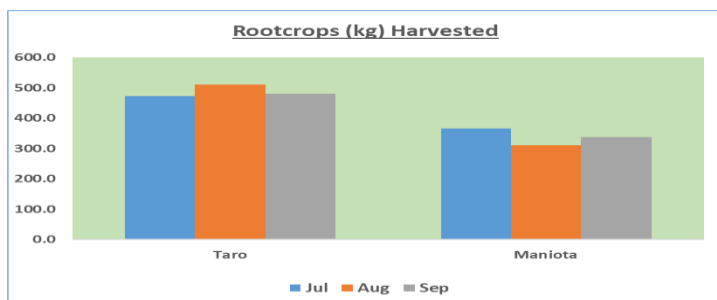
### Root Crops Sales

Quantities of rootcrops harvested

Rootcrops	Monthly Total Weights (kg)			3rd Quarter Total (kg)	Average price (\$NZ/kg)	Total Value (\$NZ)
	Jul	Aug	Sep			
Taro	472.2	510.4	479.8	1,462.4	7.90	11,552.96
Maniota	365.8	310.3	336.8	1,012.9	6.20	6,279.77

Note: Data source: Ministry of Agriculture, AgINTEL

Taro and Maniota remains the most consistently supplied root crop on the market. Taro averaged over 470kgs per month and Maniota averaged over 310kgs. Other promising root crops harvested this quarter and reported in small quantities were Kumara, Tumeric, white Radish and Ginger. Maniota is also noted as a valued added product sold in the form of grated, pudding (poke), plate of food enhancement and home consumption.



### Fruits Sales

Quantities of fruits harvested

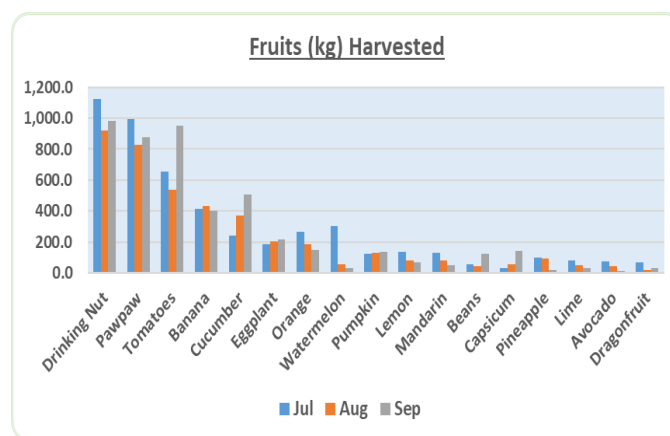
Fruits	Total Weights (kg)			3rd Quarter Total (kg)	Average price (\$NZ/kg)	Total Value (\$NZ)
	Jul	Aug	Sep			
Drinking Nut	1,125.1	921.1	982.7	3,028.9	4.00	12,115.53
Pawpaw	992.1	829.2	876.1	2,697.4	4.00	10,789.41
Tomatoes	655.7	537.3	951.0	2,144.0	7.00	15,007.88
Banana	415.6	429.4	398.6	1,243.6	5.30	6,591.29
Cucumber	238.0	372.4	506.7	1,117.1	4.20	4,691.74
Eggplant	188.1	204.6	215.2	607.8	3.60	2,188.25
Orange	267.6	184.0	145.7	597.4	3.60	2,150.54
Watermelon	302.1	55.0	31.6	388.7	6.20	2,409.94
Pumpkin	121.6	131.5	133.7	386.9	6.00	2,321.28
Lemon	136.9	82.3	65.5	284.7	5.00	1,423.33
Mandarin	127.2	81.9	47.9	257.0	4.20	1,079.40
Beans	57.7	43.6	126.0	227.4	5.40	1,227.82
Capsicum	28.3	53.5	143.4	225.3	4.20	946.05
Pineapple	100.2	91.3	18.6	210.1	8.40	1,764.56
Lime	80.9	50.6	33.3	164.8	4.70	774.72
Avocado	72.3	45.6	14.6	132.5	5.60	742.19
Dragonfruit	70.4	16.9	28.2	115.4	5.50	634.92

Note: Data source: Ministry of Agriculture, AgINTEL

The table above showed fruits over the accumulated threshold of 100kgs reported during this quarter. Other tropical fruits harvested in smaller quantities appearing on the market are Sweet corn, Breadfruit, Soursop, Okra, Zucchini, Starfruit, Grapefruit, Mangoes,

Hog Plum, Bitter melon, custard apple, Lychee, Longan and Malay Apple.

Drinking nuts, Pawpaw, Tomatoes, Banana and Cucumber reported over a ton each for this quarter. Drinking nut supplied over 3 tons to the market and seen sold on roadsides in the town area, averaging a ton each month. Tomatoes also showed increases in quantities from July to September, over 290kgs and sold at average price of \$6.80/kg.



### Vegetable Sales

Quantities of green vegetables harvested

Vegetables	Total Weights (kg)			3rd Quarter Total (kg)	Average price (\$NZ/kg)	Total Value (\$NZ)
	Jul	Aug	Sep			
Pak Choi	222.2	219.6	222.6	804.5	4.80	3,861.81
Cabbage	98.4	208.8	420.7	727.8	5.50	4,003.03
Rukau	132.8	134.0	185.4	452.2	10.70	4,838.18
Lettuce	75.5	121.2	218.5	415.3	7.50	3,114.83
Watercress	66.2	64.5	96.9	227.6	11.60	2,640.24

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All vegetables showed increases by months with Cabbages tripling its quantities in September by over 320kgs when compared to July. Pak Choi, inclusive of Saladeer and Choysum remains steady averaging over 220kgs per month. Other vegetables harvested and reported in small quantities this quarter were Celery, Spinach, Broccoli, Cauliflower, Spring Onion and Silverbeet.

