

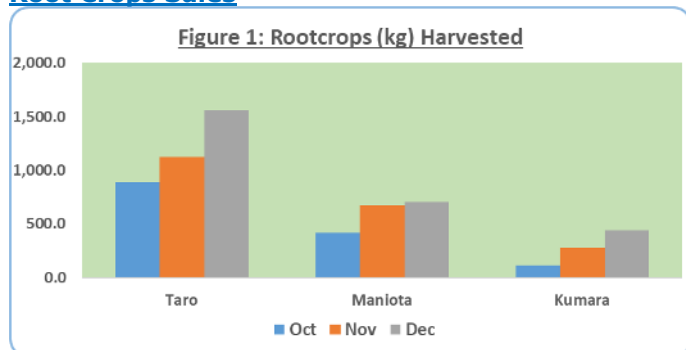
AGRICULTURE MARKET BULLETIN



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.ck

DECEMBER QUARTER 2023

Root Crops Sales



Taro and Maniota remains the most consistently supplied root crop on the market with Kumara significantly appearing on the market this quarter and expected to increase in the coming months. Taro averaged over a ton in the last two months of the quarter and Maniota averaged over 400kgs. Other promising root crops harvested this quarter and reported in small quantities were Tarotaru, Tumeric, white and red Radish, Carrot 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.

Table 1: Quantities of rootcrops harvested

Rootcrops	Total Average Weights (kg)			4th Quarter Total	Average price (\$NZ) per Kg	Total Value (\$NZ)
	Oct	Nov	Dec			
Taro	886.7	1,121.0	1,555.3	3,563.0	6.12	21,809.77
Maniota	417.9	675.2	701.3	1,794.4	5.27	9,456.58
Kumara	113.5	278.3	442.0	833.8	4.84	4,038.85

Note: Data source: Ministry of Agriculture, AgINTEL

Fruits Sales

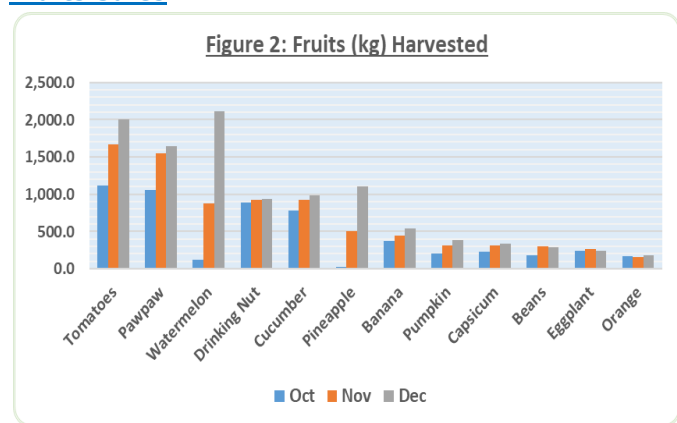


Figure 2 shows fruits over the accumulated threshold of 100kgs reported during this quarter. Other tropical fruits harvested in smaller quantities appearing on the market and roadside stalls are Sweet corn, Breadfruit, Soursop, Okra, Zucchini, Mangoes, Bitter melon, Passionfruit, Lemon, Apple Star, Lime, Tamarind, Mandarin,

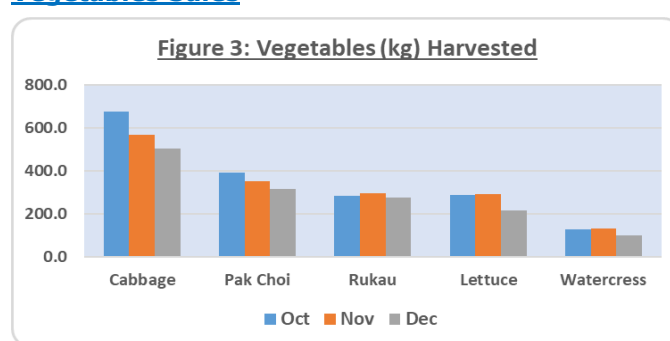
Dragonfruit and Jackfruit. Tomatoes and Pawpaws both supplied over 4 tons each to the market this quarter, averaging over a ton each month. Watermelon, Drinking Nut, Cucumber, Pineapples and Bananas all harvested over a ton each. Watermelon and Pineapples all showed significant increases by 95% and 54% throughout the three months.

Table 2: Quantities of fruits harvested

Fruits	Total Average Weights (kg)			4th Quarter Total	Average price (\$NZ) per Kg	Total Value (\$NZ)
	Oct	Nov	Dec			
Tomatoes	1,114.4	1,671.9	2,001.0	4,787.4	5.80	27,779.05
Pawpaw	1,062.2	1,546.6	1,640.8	4,249.7	5.43	23,065.46
Watermelon	122.5	880.1	2,107.9	3,110.5	5.34	16,611.96
Drinking Nut	884.5	925.9	942.7	2,753.1	4.81	13,236.09
Cucumber	786.5	925.8	981.1	2,693.4	3.68	9,908.48
Pineapple	26.8	509.4	1,105.6	1,641.8	8.34	13,691.10
Banana	375.9	446.3	535.3	1,357.5	6.65	9,021.53
Pumpkin	209.3	313.5	389.2	912.0	5.75	5,246.97
Capsicum	230.4	316.3	332.1	878.8	8.50	7,465.31
Beans	181.0	306.5	285.9	773.4	8.24	6,372.66
Eggplant	244.8	260.1	243.9	748.7	6.97	5,218.46
Orange	170.0	163.0	180.2	513.1	5.26	2,698.61

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Vegetables Sales



All vegetables showed monthly reductions with Cabbages averaging over 580kgs, Pak Choi averaging over 350kgs and Rukau (Taro tops) supplying 280kgs. The reduction can be contributed to our dry weather over that period. Other vegetables harvested and reported in small quantities this quarter were Spinach, Broccoli, Cauliflower, Spring Onion and Silverbeet.

Table 3: Quantities of green vegetables harvested

Vegetables	Total Average Weights (kg)			4th Quarter Total	Average price (\$NZ) per Kg	Total Value (\$NZ)
	Oct	Nov	Dec			
Cabbage	674.4	565.2	503.5	1,743.1	7.56	13,177.31
Pak Choi	391.7	353.1	314.0	1,058.7	6.89	7,293.25
Rukau	283.5	294.7	274.3	852.6	10.21	8,700.99
Lettuce	288.3	291.3	215.5	795.1	9.75	7,755.20
Watercress	128.4	131.0	100.1	359.4	13.00	4,672.75

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