

Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries

Crop Statistical Report Quarter 1, 2026

Multiplication, Distribution, Sales and Purchases of Planting Materials; Exports; Q1, 2026

1. Introduction:

The Crops Division is one of the key technical divisions within the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (MAF). One of its main responsibilities is the multiplication and distribution of planting materials to farmers based on demand and identified needs. Although valuable information has been collected through this process, reporting has previously been conducted on an ad hoc basis and not systematically recorded for timely policy development.

This report aims to organize, tabulate, and analyze the collected data to provide public information and support MAF management in evidence-based policy development.

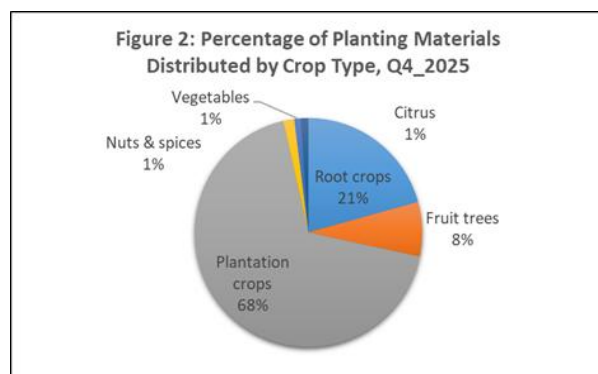
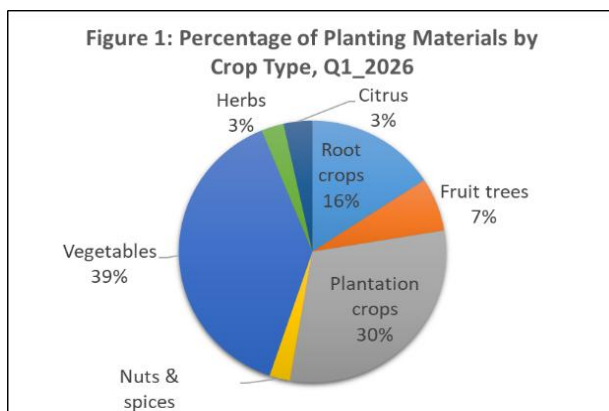
2. Multiplication:

The multiplication of planting materials supports both farmer distribution and MAF demonstration plots and research activities.

During the reporting period, vegetables accounted for the largest share of planting materials multiplied, representing **39%** of the total. Plantation crops accounted for **30%**, root crops **16%**, fruit trees **7%**, herbs and citrus **3%** each, and nuts and spices **2%**.

As illustrated in Figure 1, taro remained the dominant root crop, accounting for **97%** of the total within that category, while taamu accounted for **2%** and yam for **1%**. For plantation crops, cocoa recorded the largest share at **70%**, followed by coconut at **22%** and coffee at **8%**. No records were reported for banana planting materials under plantation crops. Overall, the total volume of planting materials multiplied declined by **18%** in Quarter 1 of 2026 compared to Quarter 4 of 2025.

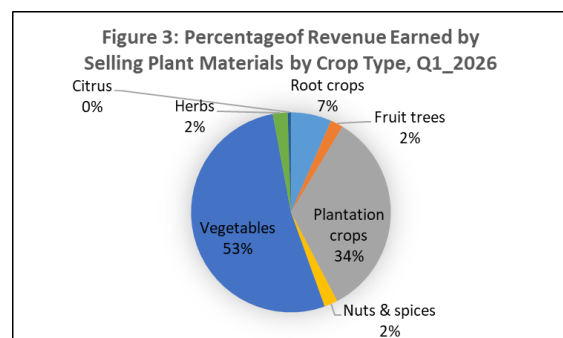
3. Distribution:



The distribution of planting materials supported several initiatives undertaken by the Ministry.

The figure 2 above represent vegetables accounted for the majority of distributed materials at **75%**, followed by nuts and spices at **8%**, herbs at **6%**, fruit trees at **5%**, plantation crops at **4%**, and citrus at **2%**. No records were reported for root crop planting materials during the reporting quarter.

4. Sales and Purchases:



Planting materials produced through multiplication activities were made available for purchase by farmers through the main office in Nu'u and the Crops Division office in Salelologa.

In addition, selected planting materials were purchased directly from farmers to accelerate the multiplication process.

As depicted in the preceding figure 3, vegetable planting materials generated the highest revenue, accounting for **53%** of total sales. The main contributors were Chinese cabbage, cucumber, eggplant, and capsicum/green pepper. Plantation crops contributed **34%** of total sales, while root crops accounted for **7%**. Herbs, fruit trees, and nuts and spices each contributed **2%**. No citrus sales were recorded during this quarter.

5. Export of Fresh and Frozen Taro:

Table 1: Export of Fresh & Frozen Taro by Destination Quarter 3, 4 & 1_2025 & 2026						
Months	Destination	Fresh Taro			Frozen Taro	
		Number of Bags	Number of Taro	Total Weight (kg)	Destination	Total Weight (kg)
Q3		1020	20400	18542		0
	NZ,USA, HAWAII				AUS/NZ/USA	
Q4		2657	35483	51628		2440
	NZ,USA, HAWAII				AUS/NZ/USA	
Q1		2375	40478	47500		25500
	NZ,USA, HAWAII				AUS/NZ/USA	
Total		6,052	96,361	117,670		27,990

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Taro exports to overseas markets have continued to recover following the industry's recovery from the taro leaf blight experienced in the early 1990s. All taro prepared for export undergoes strict inspection at the Atele packhouse and other MAF-certified facilities to ensure compliance with export standards.

Table 2 displays the overall quantity of bags and the total weight of both fresh and frozen taro exported to Australia, New Zealand, the United States, and Hawaii throughout Quarters 3 and 4 of 2025, as well as Quarter 1 of 2026.

Fresh taro exports increased by **6%** in Quarter 1 of 2026 compared to Quarter 4 of 2025. Frozen taro exports also recorded a significant increase of **82%** during the same period.

6. Way Forward

The Ministry's Agricultural Statistics Unit (ASU) will continue to assist the Crops Division staff in improving data quality and statistical skills through training. It is anticipated that ASU will produce a quarterly report in collaboration with the Crops Division which is the primary data source.

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Table 2: Number of Planting Materials Multiplied by Type of Planting Material by Crop Type , Quarter 3, 4 & 1_2025 & 2026																						
Crop Type	Crop Name	Suckers			Seedlings			Seeds		Trays			Cuttings			Airlayer			Grafting			
		Q3	Q4	Q1	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q3	Q4	Q1
Root Crops	Taro	322	2655	2755	302	320	96	823	2640				115		3659	100						
	Cassava	245	2655	2644	286			586	2640				55		3659							
	Sweet potatoes	17						17														
	Taamu	60						120					60									
	Cocoyam			111	16																	
	Yam					320	96	100								100						
Fruit Trees	Abiu				2445	2082	723	201	58	1939				125		55	88					
	Avocado				61	158	79	110														
	Breadfruit				120		282			543							88					
	Mango						13															
	Papaya						15			5												
	Rambutan				714	450	176			610												
	Rollinia				10	5	78			452												
	Soursop				105	289	63			300												
	Star apple				832	775																
	Star fruit				155		9															
	Guava				178																	
	Dragon fruit					10							125		55							
	Cashew nut					110		91	58													
	Mangosteen																					
	Durian									20												
	Wallnut																					
	Passion fruit				270	285																
	Jack fruit						8															
	Vi									9												
Plantation Crops	Cocoa			30	3300	14080	10445	19950	9963	2,000	19510	9973										
	Coffee				2,490	9,900	8730	19,950	9,963		19510	9973										
	Pineapple						1015															
	Lemon																					
	Banana			30																		
	Coconut				810	4180	700			2000												
Nuts & Spices	Black pepper				920	93	554			70					400							
	Chili					61	200								400							
	Ginger				900																	
	Vanilla				20	5	287			70												
	Ava																					
	Tumeric					27	67															
Vegetables	Green pepper/Capsicum	14			28483	14292	13566	1957	2407	2009	451	272	306									
	Chinese cabbage				3884	2835	2481															
	Cucumber				4600	1004	1039				250	145	149									
	Eggplant				4415	3020	2952															
	Head cabbage				5221	4005	2232				201	127	156									
	Lettuce				1741	1800	1388															
	Okra																					
	Pumpkin				350	20		454	463	580												
	Watermelon				300			189	565	600												
	Sweet corn				600			600	779	644												
	Carrot																					
	Cauliflower				200	102	200															
	Broccoli				300	300	800															
	Beans				1260	15	20	700	600	185												
	Gourd (new variety)				200																	
	Laupele	14						14														
	Zucchini				842																	
	Tomato				4570	1191	2454															
Herbs					890	1000	1126															
	Basil				200	300	410															
	Mint																					
	Coriander				190	300																
	Parsley																					
	Spring onion				500	400	416															
	Thyme																					
Dill (new variety)						300																
Citrus	Lime				43		66							20	27	55	335	352	1312	20		
	Lemon														17	25	51	86	398			
	Orange				43		66							20	10	30	284	266	914	20		
Total		336	2655	2785	36383	31867	26576	22931	15068	6018	19961	10245	306	260	27	4169	523	352	1312	20	0	0

Table 3: No. of Planting Materials of Selected Crops by Variety, Quarter 3, 4 & 1_2025 & 2026													
Crop Name	Variety	Suckers			Seedlings			Airlayer			Trays		
		Q3	Q4	Q1	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q3	Q4	Q1
Taro	Cycle 9	245	2655	2644	286								
	Folasa												
	Samoa 1												
	Vave	35	330										
	Cycle05												
	Salani	50	665		70								
	Taro pauni												
	Fusi	140	675		216								
	Talo fola												
	Tuisuga												
	Putemu												
Nu'u													
Samoa 2	20	985	2644										
Breadfruit	Aveloloa						13	88					
	Fiti												
	Maafala					13	58						
	Manua												
	Maopo												
	Momolega												
	Puou							30					
	Uluea												
	Ulu hawaii												
	Ulu tala												
	Ulusina												
Ulu falaoa													
Cocoa					2490	9900	8730				19510	9973	
	Samoa												
Trinitario					2490	9900	8730				19510	9973	
Capsicum/Green pepper					3884	2835	2481						
	Sweet pepper												
	Red rapid												
	Roma												
	Califonia												
	Green pepper												
	Alice				290	50							
	Chili				500								
	Long people												
	Wonder bell				1994		1701						
	Green variety (new variety)					1500							
	Green chili (new variety)					985							
	Red chili (new variety)					300	200						
Yolo wonder				1100									
Sunfield capsicum						580							
Chinese Cabbage					4600	1004	1039				250	145	149
	Pak choi				3000						127	8	123
	Saladeer				1600	900	1039				123		
	White stem												
	Kwang moon												
	Short stem												
	BOK choi (new variety)					104						137	26
	Green stem												
Cucumber						3020	2952						1
	Bonanza												
	Slice master												
	Local												
	Tupevave												
	Supermarket												
	Zipangu												
	Chinese variety (new variety)					2573	521						
Money maker					447	110						1	
Sunfield green						2321							
Eggplant						4005	2232						
	Black beauty					2000	263						
	Florida												
	Local												
	Pritam												
	V1037671												
	Pritam					605	569						
	Black king					600	900						
	Money maker (TBC from Nesse)					800							
	Sunfield long purple (new variety)						500						
Early long													
Head Cabbage												127	156
	F-S-Cross												
	KK- Cross											127	116
	Chinese variety												
	Sunfield lotus												40
Pacific Green													
Lettuce						1800	1388						
	Tropical												
	Red rapid					200	451						
	Chinese variety (new variety)					100							
	Kaiser					1500	937						
Seven wonder													
Pumpkin						20							
	Queensland												
	Auro					20							
	Samoa Auro												
Panderosa													
Tomato						1191	2454						
	Beef stake												
	Local												
	Head master						700						
	Lapani												
	Raising sun						80						
	Real gold												
	Roma					291	14						
	Alafua large												
	Black beauty												
Tropic boy					900	1660							
Total		245	2655	2644	11260	23775	21289	88	0	0	19760	10245	306

Table 4: Number of Planting Materials Distributed by Type of Planting Material by Crop and Crop Type, Quarter 3, 4 & 1_2025 & 2026																
Crop Type	Crop Name	Seedlings			Trays			Cuttings			Suckers			Grafting		
		Q3	Q4	Q1	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q3	Q4	Q1
Root Crops	Ta'amu		20						60			1016				
	Sweet potatoes															
	Cassava								60							
	Yam		20													
	Taro											1016				
Fruit Trees	Abiu	305	742	40				20	200							
		20	56	15												
	Avocado	60	228	10												
	Cashew nut		2													
	Guava	20	107													
	Mango															
	Passion fruit		70													
	Jack fruit		30													
	Rambutan		10													
	Rollinia	48	12	15												
	Soursop	35	137													
	Mangosteen															
	Star fruit	42														
	Breadfruit															
	Durian															
	Star apple	20														
Papaya	60	90														
Dragon fruit							20	200								
Plantation Crops	Banana	14	8,210	34							35	120				
	Coffee										35	120				
	Cocoa	10	5,200	34												
	Coconut	4	3010													
Nuts & Spices			70	73					120							
	Black pepper			48					100							
	Chili															
	Ginger		25	25					10							
	Onion															
	Ava															
Vegetables	Tumeric		45						10							
	Vanilla															
	Beans	1915	100	676	18	9										
		500		25												
	Capsicum/Green pepper	330	12	100												
	Celery															
	Chinese cabbage		10	54	18	9										
	Cucumber	85	10	144												
	Eggplant	110	52	80												
	Head cabbage															
	Kang Kong															
	Lettuce	100	2	41												
	Pumkin	50	2	8												
	Carrot															
	Chilli															
	Sweet corn	200		30												
Tomato	320		160													
Zucchini (new crop)	220															
Cauliflower (new variety)		10	10													
Broccoli			10													
Watermelon		2	14													
Herbs		270	0	54												
	Parsley															
	Spring onion	220														
	Coriander															
	Dill (new variety)			26												
Basil	50		28													
Citrus		3	60					26	40	22						
	Lime															
	Lemon	3						26	40	22						
Orange		60														
Total		2,507	9,202	877	18	9	0	46	420	22	35	1,136	0	0	0	0

Table 5: Number of Planting Materials Distributed for Main Crop by Variety for Selected Crops, Quarter 3, 4 & 1_2025 & 2026							
Crop Name	Variety	Seedlings			Suckers		
		Q3	Q4	Q1	Q3	Q4	Q1
Abiu		20	56	15			
	Z-2	20					
	Abiu		56	15			
	Z-4						
Avocado		60	228	10			
	Hass (new variety)	60	225				
	Avocado		3	10			
Black Pepper				48			
	Black pepper			48			
Breadfruit							
	Fiti						
	Hawaii						
	Maaafala						
	Puou						
	Local						
	Sina						
Cocoa		10	5200	34			
	Local						
	Criollo						
Eggplant	Trinitario	10	5200	34			
		110	52	80			
	Black beauty	110		50			
	Pritam		52	10			
	V1037671						
	Local						
	Black king (new variety)			20			
Ginger	Early long						
			25	25			
	Ginger		25	25			
Rambutan	Local						
			10				
Rambutan	Rambutan		10				
	R156 red						
Rollinia		48	12	15			
	Rollinia	48	12	15			
Tomato		320		160			
	Alafua large	95					
	Roma	105		54			
	Cherry						
	Tropic boy	120		36			
	Raising sun			70			
Vanilla							
	Vanilla						
Coconut		4	3010				
	Hybrid						
	Samoan tall						
Taro	Local	4	3010				
						1016	
	Fusi					166	
	Salani						
	Folasa						
	Vave					550	
	Cycle 9						
	Export (Variety)						
Taro	Samoa 1						
	Samoa 2					300	
Total		572	8,593	339	0	1,016	0