



Hawaii fruit growers harvested 67.6 million pounds of fruit, excluding pineapple, for fresh and processed utilization in 2007. This was a 10 percent increase over 2006 when similar commodities are compared. Total value, excluding pineapple, rose 12 percent to \$30.6 million, with papaya, tangerine, and the tropical specialty group recording increases in value of sales. Fruit acreage totaled 6,535 acres, 8 percent more than the 2006 total with pineapple excluded. Harvested area was relatively unchanged from the previous year.

◆ **Banana**

Banana acreage increased 15 and 18 percent from 2006 with 1,500 total acres and 1,300 harvested acres, respectively. Utilized production was pegged at 25.6 million pounds, 16 percent more than 2006. The lower average prices dropped the total value of sales to \$10.5 million, 3 percent lower than the previous year.

◆ **Guava**

Total guava production area declined 19 percent to 465 acres in 2007 while area harvested declined 53 percent to 170 acres.

Value of sales declined 36 percent to \$675,000. Hawaii's guavas, which are primarily for the processed market, recorded a 42 percent lower output due to the closure of a large processor at the end of 2006. The 11 percent increase in price was not enough to offset lower output.

◆ **Papaya**

The State's papaya producers devoted 2,065 acres toward papaya production, a decrease of 1 percent from the previous year. Harvested area totaled 1,310 acres, 14 percent less than 2006. Papaya output increased 16 percent to 33.4 million pounds while value of sales increased 19 percent to \$13.1 million.

◆ **Pineapple**

Still Hawaii's largest fruit commodity, pineapple has been excluded from the 2007 summary to avoid disclosure of individual operations. In late 2006, operations ended prematurely for one major company.

◆ **Tropical Specialty Fruit**

Area devoted to tropical specialty fruit totaled 1,470 acres in 2007, 7 percent higher than 2006. Area harvested totaled 970 acres, 20 percent more than the previous year. Hawaii's growers of tropical specialty fruit produced and sold an estimated 2.3 million pounds of fruit in 2007, 59 percent more than 2006. Compared with 2006, higher output was registered for atemoya, longan, lychee, and rambutan. Value of sales was pegged at \$4.5 million in 2007, 71 percent higher than 2006.