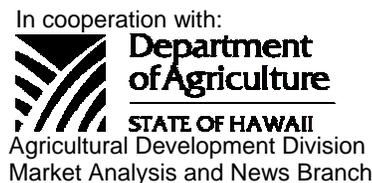




HAWAII PAPAYAS



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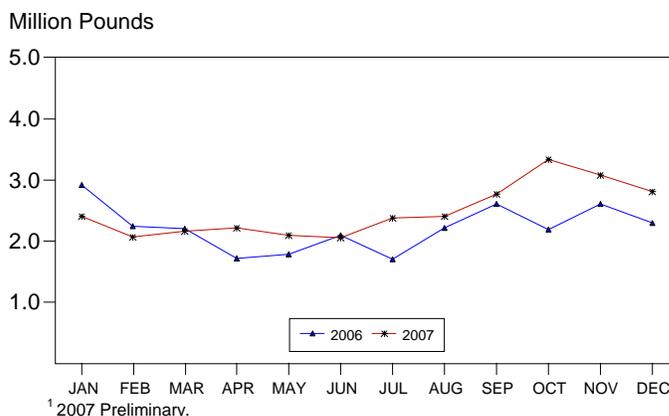
Hawaii fresh papaya utilization for 2007 is estimated at 29.8 million pounds and ended the year with a 12 percent increase from 2006. In December, output totaled 2.8 million pounds, down 9 percent from November 2007 but up 22 percent from December 2006.

Total acreage in crop for December is estimated at 2,050, down 13 percent from December 2006 and 3 percent below September 2007. Harvested area totaled 1,255 acres, 11 percent higher than last December but 9 percent lower than September this year.

Orchards experienced cool and wet weather with gusty winds in December. Lower temperatures and cloudy skies delayed fruit development and ripening. Young plantings made steady progress. Growers increased spraying efforts to limit the spread of disease outbreaks.

Papaya growers are expected to receive an estimated 37.0 cents per pound for fresh fruit in December, unchanged from last month but 2 percent (0.6 cent) above a year ago.

**PAPAYA: Fresh Utilization,
State of Hawaii, 2006-2007¹**



FRESH PAPAYA UTILIZATION, STATE OF HAWAII, 2007 WITH COMPARISONS¹

Month	Sales				Year ago	Year-to-date	
	Local ²	Intrastate	Out-of-State	Total fresh		2006	2007
	<i>1,000 pounds</i>						
November	231	1,379	1,465	3,075	2,605	24,300	27,000
December	212	1,383	1,210	2,805	2,300	26,600	29,805

¹ Data are preliminary for 2007.

² On island of production.

PAPAYA ACREAGE, STATE OF HAWAII, 2007 WITH COMPARISONS ¹

County	Total acreage in crop							
	March		June		September		December	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
Hawaii.....	1,850	1,750	1,575	1,540	1,965	1,905	2,170	1,860
Honolulu/Kauai/Maui ²	220	185	170	195	175	200	180	190
State.....	2,070	1,935	1,745	1,735	2,140	2,105	2,350	2,050

Total harvested acres ³								
Hawaii.....	1,620	750	1,385	675	1,205	1,240	1,025	1,135
Honolulu/Kauai/Maui ²	165	120	125	125	120	135	110	120
State.....	1,785	870	1,510	800	1,325	1,375	1,135	1,255

¹ Data are preliminary for 2007. ² Kauai and Maui combined with Honolulu to avoid disclosure of individual operations. ³ Bearing acres where papayas were harvested.

FRESH PAPAYA FARM PRICE, STATE OF HAWAII, 2006-2007

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Average
	<i>Cents per pound</i>												
2006	34.1	36.5	42.1	46.3	51.5	47.1	47.0	48.1	38.6	38.1	38.3	36.4	41.3
2007 ¹	38.0	41.0	47.0	48.0	49.0	52.0	47.0	40.0	37.0	37.0	37.0	37.0	

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