

# GINGER ROOT, KAVA (AWA)

Hawaii's ginger root farmers harvested 4.3 million pounds during the 2005-2006 season, down 16 percent from the 2004-2005 season and the smallest crop since the 1981-1982 harvest. The average farm price is estimated at 70.0 cents per pound during the 2005-2006 season, down 13 percent from the previous season's farm price of 80.0 cents per pound. Total farm value of the 2005-2006 harvest is estimated at \$3.0 million, down 26 percent from the 2004-2005 season.

Ginger root growers harvested 100 acres during the 2005-2006 season, down 17 percent from the previous season and the lowest total in 24 years. The decline in harvested acreage more than offset an increase in yields due to improved weather conditions. Bacterial wilt (*Pseudomonas solanacearum*), rootknot nematodes (*Meloidogyne javanica*), and relatively low farm prices have contributed to the reduction in acreage.

## GINGER ROOT: Acreage, yield, production, price, and value, State of Hawaii, 2001/2002-2005/2006 crop years

Crop year <sup>1</sup>	Harvested acres	Yield per acre	Production	Farm price	Value of sales
		----- 1,000 pounds -----		Cents per pound	1,000 dollars
2001-2002	320	45.0	14,400	30.0	4,320
2002-2003	160	37.5	6,000	60.0	3,600
2003-2004	150	40.0	6,000	90.0	5,400
2004-2005	120	42.5	5,100	80.0	4,080
<b>2005-2006</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>43.0</b>	<b>4,300</b>	<b>70.0</b>	<b>3,010</b>

<sup>1</sup> Harvesting normally begins in December and continues into the following year.

## GINGER ROOT: U.S. imports, 2001-2005

Year	Unground (including fresh)	Ground	Sweet	Candied	Total <sup>1</sup>
1,000 pounds					
2001	39,682	2,255	2,649	2,151	46,737
2002	44,306	2,244	3,315	3,017	52,882
2003	57,548	2,740	4,828	3,137	68,252
2004	59,162	4,603	5,784	2,957	72,506
<b>2005</b>	<b>66,859</b>	<b>3,743</b>	<b>7,582</b>	<b>3,470</b>	<b>81,654</b>

<sup>1</sup> Sum of categories may not add to total due to rounding.

Source: Foreign Agricultural Trade of the United States, Economic Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

## KAVA (AWA): Number of farms, acreage, production, price, and value, State of Hawaii, 2001-2005

Year	Farms	Acreage <sup>1</sup>		Total sales <sup>3</sup>	Farm price <sup>4</sup>	Value of sales
		Total <sup>2</sup>	Harvested			
	Number	----- Acres -----		1,000 pounds	Dollars per pound	1,000 dollars
2001	65	70	35	450	1.30	585
2002	55	50	15	60	1.15	69
2003	25	20	10	25	4.40	110
2004 <sup>5</sup>						
<b>2005<sup>5</sup></b>						

<sup>1</sup> Includes kava inter-planted with another crop. <sup>2</sup> As of December 31. <sup>3</sup> Fresh weight basis. Dried kava (awa) sales were converted to a fresh weight basis by multiplying by five. Includes all type of sales, including organic. <sup>4</sup> Represents average farm price for fresh sales. <sup>5</sup> Beginning 2004, data series discontinued.