

HAWAII AGRICULTURE 2002

Farm Revenue Hits 11 Year High

Farm level revenue for 2002 totaled \$535.9 million, 2 percent greater than the previous year. Year-over-year gains for sugarcane and pineapple, along with record highs for several of the “diversified” commodities lifted revenues to the highest level since 1991.

Highlighting gains for diversified agriculture were record years for flowers and nursery products, seed crops, aquaculture, and herbs. Among other commodities showing gains from 2001 were coffee, cattle, hogs, and selected vegetable crops. Some of the crops experiencing declines were bananas, milk, ginger root, eggs, macadamia nuts, and papayas. The aggregate total for diversified commodities (everything other than sugarcane and pineapple) was \$370.9 million, fractionally higher than the previous year. Drought and low prices were partially responsible for lower production of some crops, notably orchard crops.

The equivalent farm value for pineapple (does not include the processed value added by processing) increased to \$100.6 million, 4 percent above the previous year. Although production was slightly lower, more higher-valued fresh sales boosted revenue.

The equivalent value of sugarcane (does not include the processed value of raw sugar) was pegged at \$64.3 million, 11 percent above 2001, and the first year-over-year gain since 1998.

Farm level values shown in this publication are an important measure of production agriculture, but they don't truly reflect the total contribution of agriculture to the State and county economies. For a better understanding of the overall picture, refer to “Agriculture’s Contribution to Hawaii’s Economy-An Update” (CTAHR Economic Issues EI-3b, Feb. 2002), a publication prepared jointly by the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, University of Hawaii at Manoa, and the Hawaii State Department of Agriculture.

Cash Receipts of Agricultural Commodities, State of Hawaii, 1970-2002

