



GINGER ROOT, KAVA (AWA)

Hawaii's ginger root farms harvested 2.8 million pounds during the 2006-2007 season, down 35 percent from the 2005-2006 season and the smallest crop since the 1979-1980 season. The average farm price is estimated at 85.0 cents per pound for the season, up 21 percent from the previous season's farm price of 70.0 cents per pound. Total farm value of the 2006-2007 harvest is estimated at \$2.4 million, down 21 percent from the 2005-2006 season.

Ginger root growers harvested 80 acres during the 2006-2007 season, down 20 percent from the previous season and the lowest in 27 years. Weather conditions were less than ideal for ginger root during this season as ginger root needs abundant rainfall during its growth phase. The major producing areas of the island of Hawaii experienced an overall dry year. Also, higher import levels of lower priced ginger root from China impacted Hawaii growers.

GINGER ROOT: Acreage, yield, production, price, and value, State of Hawaii, 2002/2003-2006/2007 crop years

Crop year ¹	Harvested acres	Yield per acre	Production	Farm price	Value of sales
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
2005-2006	100	43.0	4,300	70.0	3,010
2006-2007	80	35.0	2,800	85.0	2,380

¹ Harvesting normally begins in December and continues into the following year.

GINGER ROOT: U.S. imports, 2002-2006

Year	Unground (including fresh)	Ground	Sweet	Candied	Total ¹
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
2005	66,202	3,742	7,583	3,472	80,999
2006	68,738	3,029	8,034	4,268	84,069

¹ 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, 2002-2006

Year	Farms	Acreage ¹		Total sales ³	Farm price ⁴	Value of sales
		Total ²	Harvested			
	Number	----- Acres -----		1,000 pounds	Dollars per pound	1,000 dollars
2002	55	50	15	60	1.15	69
2003	25	20	10	25	4.40	110
2004 ⁵						
2005 ⁵						
2006 ⁵						

¹ Includes kava inter-planted with another crop. ² As of December 31. ³ 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. ⁴ Represents average farm price for fresh sales. ⁵ Beginning 2004, data series discontinued.