

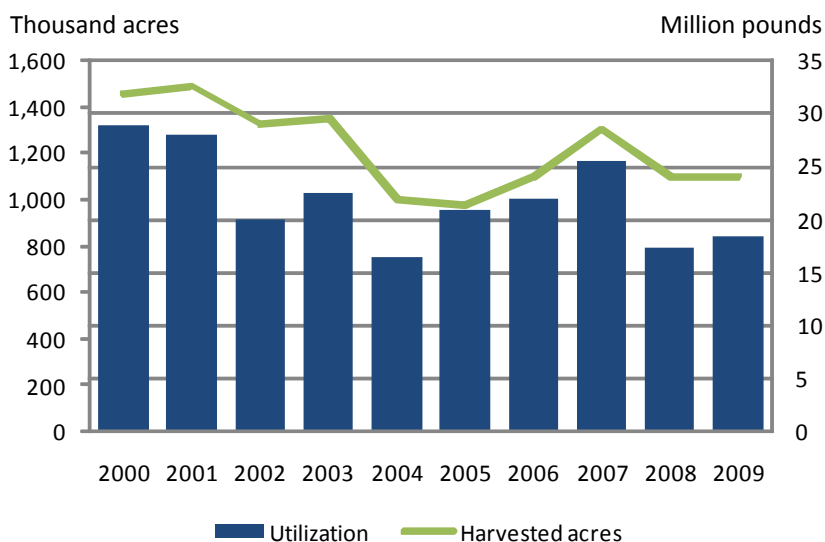
## Bananas: 2009 Utilization Up 6 Percent

Hawaii’s 2009 banana utilization for fresh market totaled 18.5 million pounds, 6 percent more than the 2008 total of 17.4 million pounds, according to USDA’s NASS Hawaii Field Office. Weather for 2009 was poor for banana production. Rainfall totals for the year were generally at below normal levels; however, there were a few periods during the year when rainfall was heavy. Irrigation was necessary to maintain soil moisture at adequate levels. Orchard maintenance and banana bunchy top virus monitoring was an ongoing procedure for growers.

Statewide total banana acreage was estimated at 1,300 acres, unchanged from 2008. Harvested acreage also remained unchanged at 1,100 acres.

Hawaii’s banana producers received an average 55.0 cents per pound for fresh

**BANANAS: Acres Harvested and Utilization, State of Hawaii, 2000 - 2009**



banana in 2009, 20 percent (9.0 cents) more than 2008. Value of sales totaled \$10.2 million, 27 percent higher than the \$8.0 million received in the previous year. ■

### BANANAS: Number of Farms, Acreage, Yield, Utilization, Price, and Value, State of Hawaii, 2000-2009

Year	Farms	Acreage		Yield per acre (harvested) <sup>2</sup>	Utilization fresh	Farm price	Value of sales
		In crop <sup>1</sup>	Harvested				
	Number	Acres		1,000 pounds		Cents per pound	1,000 dollars
2000	210	1,710	1,460	19.9	29,000	36.0	10,440
2001	200	1,660	1,490	18.8	28,000	38.0	10,640
2002	220	1,510	1,330	15.0	20,000	43.0	8,600
2003	230	1,560	1,350	16.7	22,500	41.0	9,225
2004	210	1,360	1,000	16.5	16,500	49.0	8,085
2005	190	1,145	980	21.3	20,900	43.9	9,175
2006	230	1,300	1,100	20.0	22,000	49.0	10,780
2007	240	1,500	1,300	19.7	25,600	41.0	10,496
2008	230	1,300	1,100	15.8	17,400	46.0	8,004
<b>2009</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>1,300</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>16.8</b>	<b>18,500</b>	<b>55.0</b>	<b>10,175</b>

<sup>1</sup> At end of year. <sup>2</sup> Utilized production divided by acreage harvested.

# Bananas: U. S. Fresh Imports



**BANANAS: U.S. Fresh Banana Imports, Quantity and Value, by Country, 2009<sup>1</sup>**  
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Country	Quantity	Custom value
	<i>Metric tons</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>
China	17	11
Colombia	421,466	194,456
Costa Rica	544,435	210,370
Dominican Republic	1,047	657
Ecuador	955,677	384,546
Guatemala	1,111,812	430,592
Honduras	390,456	161,261
Mexico	105,086	49,773
Nicaragua	24,911	9,255
Panama	5,380	1,567
Peru	19,677	12,193
Vietnam	2	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,579,968</b>	<b>1,454,683</b>

The conversion for 1 metric ton = 2,204.6 pounds. <sup>1</sup> Data may not add due to rounding. Source: U.S. Department of Commerce.

In 2009, the U.S. imported 3.6 million metric tons of fresh bananas from foreign sources, 10 percent less than the previous year. Guatemala, Ecuador, and Costa Rica, respectively, were the top three exporters of bananas to the U.S. The value posted was \$1.5 billion, 16 percent more than the 2008 value. ■

## BANANAS: U.S. Fresh Imports, Quantity and Value, 2005-2009

Year	Quantity	Custom value
	<i>Metric tons</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>
2005	3,824,409	1,036,837
2006	3,839,467	1,101,182
2007	4,003,800	1,126,737
2008	3,977,914	1,254,890
<b>2009</b>	<b>3,579,968</b>	<b>1,454,683</b>

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