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Hawaii Ginger Root

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Production drops 16 percent

Hawaii's ginger root farmers harvested 4.3 million pounds during the 2005/06 season, down 16 percent from the 2004/05 season and the smallest crop since the 1981/82 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 2005/06 harvest is estimated at \$3.0 million, down 26 percent from the 2004/05 season.

Acres reduction, disease, and low prices limit production

Ginger root growers harvested 100 acres during the 2005/06 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. The 2005/06 harvest was the fifth consecutive year in which harvested acreage has declined. Bacterial wilt (*Pseudomonas solanacearum*) and rootknot nematodes (*Meloidogyne javanica*) have contributed to the reduction in acreage, but recently farmers have been also discouraged by relatively low farm prices due to increasing imports of lower-priced ginger root.

Hawaii ginger root growers received an average of 70 cents per pound during the 2005/06 season. This average farm price includes the sale of higher-priced organic ginger root. Total farm value is estimated at \$3.0 million, down 26 percent from 2004/05.

2006/07 season outlook

Hawaii ginger root growers are expected to plant 90 acres for harvest during the 2006/07 season, down 10 percent from the 2005/06 season. Based on the most recent 3-year average yield of 41,600 pounds per acre, the 2006/07 crop would result in a harvest of 3.7 million pounds. The eventual harvest, however, will depend on weather and economic conditions in the ensuing months. ■

Hawaii Fresh Ginger Root Statistics

Acres harvested, yield per harvested acre, production, average farm price, and farm value
State of Hawaii, 2002 to 2006

Year ^{1/}	Acres harvested	Yield per Harvested acre	Production	Average farm price	Farm value
		1,000 pounds		Cents per pound	\$1,000
2002	320	45.0	14,400	30.0	4,320
2003	160	37.5	6,000	60.0	3,600
2004	150	40.0	6,000	90.0	5,400
2005	120	42.5	5,100	80.0	4,080
2006	100	43.0	4,300	70.0	3,010

^{1/} Harvesting normally begins in December and continues into the year shown.

U.S. Imports of Ginger Root by Country, 2005

Country	Type of Ginger Root				Total
	Ground	Not Ground	Preserved	Sweet	
<i>Pounds</i>					
2005					
Australia	0	66,138	1,192,689	70,547	1,329,374
Brazil	0	7,888,059	0	0	7,888,059
Canada	0	0	0	127,867	127,867
China	3,302,491	48,801,026	1,179,461	6,223,586	59,506,563
Costa Rica	19,841	3,639,795	0	0	3,659,636
Dominican Republic	0	63,933	0	0	63,933
Ecuador	0	110,230	0	0	110,230
Egypt	2,205	0	0	0	2,205
Fiji	0	112,435	191,800	0	304,235
Germany	4,409	26,455	0	0	30,864
Honduras	0	595,242	0	0	595,242
Hong Kong	11,023	220,460	19,841	167,550	418,874
India	213,846	1,267,645	24,251	4,409	1,510,151
Indonesia	26,455	28,660	52,910	0	108,025
Italy	0	0	0	2,205	2,205
Japan	66,138	108,025	8,818	0	182,982
Korea	0	0	6,614	0	6,614
Mexico	26,455	68,343	0	0	94,798
Netherlands	52,910	0	0	0	52,910
Nicaragua	0	24,251	0	0	24,251
Niger	4,409	0	0	0	4,409
Nigeria	0	1,915,797	0	0	1,915,797
Singapore	0	17,637	0	0	17,637
Taiwan	0	0	0	17,637	17,637
Thailand	13,228	1,851,864	778,224	952,387	3,595,703
United Kingdom	0	52,910	0	2,205	55,115
Vietnam	0	0	15,432	13,228	28,660
Totals	3,743,411	66,858,904	3,470,040	7,581,619	81,653,975
2004	4,603,432	59,161,918	5,956,920	5,783,625	72,505,902
2003	2,739,548	57,547,630	3,136,814	4,828,067	68,252,059
2002	2,243,714	44,306,307	3,017,356	3,314,684	52,882,061
2001	2,255,334	39,681,693	2,150,953	2,649,343	46,737,324
2000	824,896	41,140,065	2,079,714	2,845,011	46,889,686

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce.