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Hawaii Herbs

Annual report of fresh production, farm price, and farm value

Production and farm value remain steady

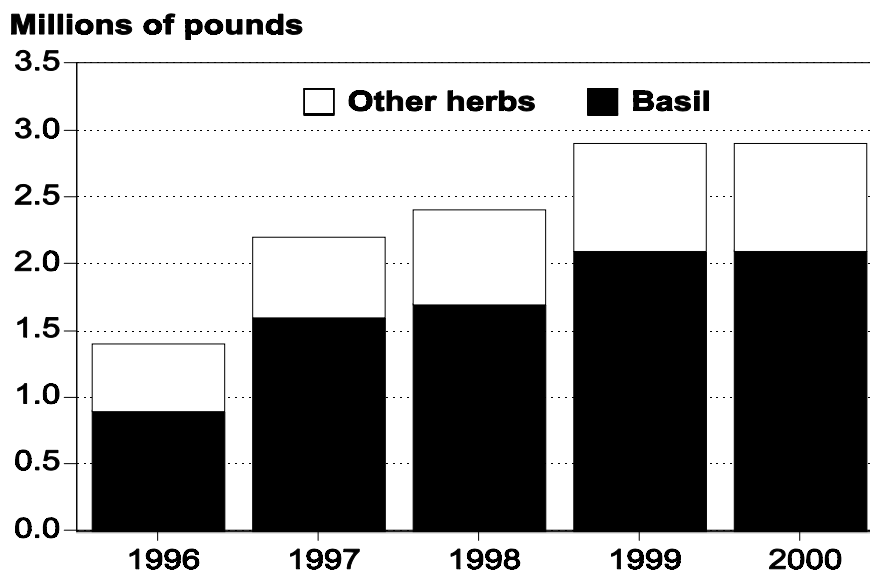
The Hawaii Agricultural Statistics Service estimates production of fresh herb sales at 2.9 million pounds for 2000, unchanged from 1999. Total farm revenues for all types of herb sales is estimated at \$5.4 million pounds, down less than one percent from 1999.

Sweet (Italian) basil was the most popularly grown herb in Hawaii with 2000 sales of 1.6 million pounds, up 7 percent from 1999. Farm prices for sweet basil averaged \$2.00 per pound, unchanged from 1999. **Asian basil** sales totaled 500,000 pounds, down 17 percent from 1999. Farm prices to rose 14 percent to an average of 80 cents per pound in 2000.

Parsley production totaled 220,000 pounds, up 16 percent from 1999 and the highest total since 1995. Farm revenues increased 16 percent to \$440,000 in 2000. **Chinese parsley** (more commonly known as Cilantro) farmers harvested 80,000 pounds in 2000, down 11 percent from 1999. Farm prices for Chinese parsley increased 40 percent in 2000 to an average of \$3.00 per pound.

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**Fresh Herb Production
State of Hawaii, 1996-2000**



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Production of all **other herbs** totaled 500,000 pounds and had a farm value of \$1.1 million in 2000. Some of the major herbs in this combined category were mint,

dill, rosemary, and chives. Individual totals for these herbs were not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

FRESH HERBS

Production, farm price, and farm value by types, State of Hawaii, 1996-2000.

Year	Basil			Parsley	Chinese Parsley (Cilantro)	Other herbs ¹	All herbs
	Sweet (Italian)	Asian	Total				
Production - 1,000 pounds							
1996	510	390	900	200	70	230	1,400
1997	1,100	500	1,600	200	100	300	2,200
1998	1,200	500	1,700	125	75	500	2,400
1999	1,500	600	2,100	190	90	520	2,900
2000	1,600	500	2,100	220	80	500	2,900
Farm price - \$ per pound							
1996	2.20	1.40		1.70	2.70	2.40	
1997	2.00	1.00		1.75	2.65	2.30	
1998	1.90	.90		2.05	2.70	2.20	
1999	2.00	.70		2.00	2.15	2.70	
2000	2.00	.80		2.00	3.00	2.20	
Farm value - \$1,000							
1996	1,122	546	1,668	340	189	552	2,749
1997	2,200	500	2,700	350	265	690	4,005
1998	2,280	450	2,730	256	203	1,100	4,289
1999	3,000	420	3,420	380	194	1,404	5,398
2000	3,200	400	3,600	440	240	1,100	5,380

¹ Includes spearmint, dill, and other herbs; some of which cannot be published separately to avoid disclosure. Also includes small amount of basil and parsley for which an individual total could not be obtained.