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# Hawaii Herbs

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## Farm production at record high

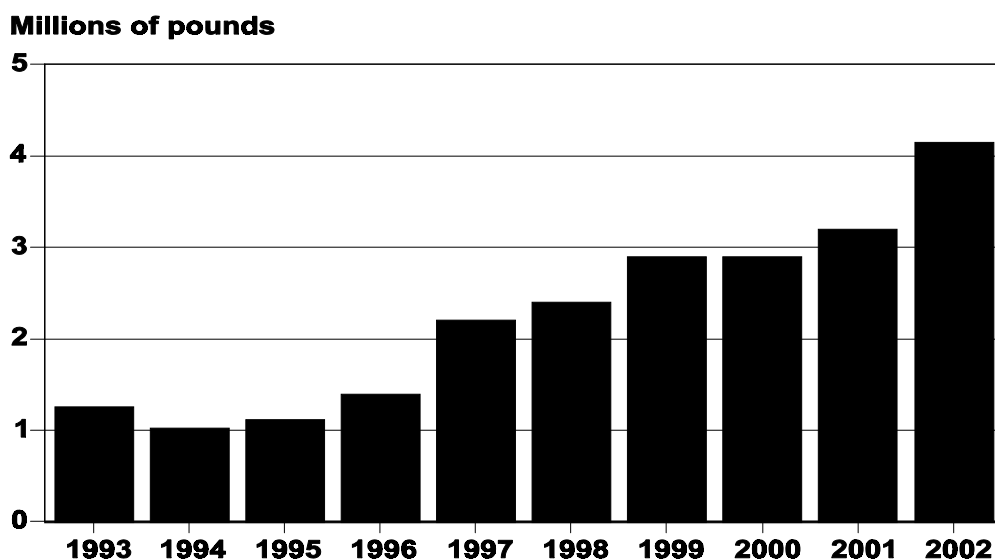
The Hawaii Agricultural Statistics Service estimates production of fresh herb sales at a record high 4.2 million pounds for 2002, up 30 percent from 2001. Although average farm prices declined in response to the higher output, total farm revenues rose to a record high \$7.0 million.

**Sweet (Italian) basil** production increased 33 percent to a record high 2.0 million pounds. Farm prices declined 3 percent to an average of \$1.95 per pound. Sales of **Asian basil** totaled 1.0 million pounds, up 54 percent from 2001 and a new record high for this herb. Farm prices averaged 85 cents per pound in 2002, up 6 percent from 2001.

**Parsley** production is estimated at 300,000 pounds for 2002, down 9 percent from 2001. Farm prices averaged \$1.70 per pound, down 15 percent from 2001. **Chinese parsley** (more commonly known as Cilantro) sales tripled to 300,000 pounds in 2002. The record output resulted in a decline in farm prices to an average of \$1.50 per pound in 2002, down 29 percent from 2001.

Production of all **other herbs** totaled 550,000 pounds and had a farm value of \$1.3 million in 2002. Mint, chives, arugula, and rosemary are some of the major herbs in this combined category. Separate totals for these herbs were not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations. ❖

### Herbs: Fresh Farm Production State of Hawaii, 1993-2002



## FRESH HERBS

Production, farm price, and farm value by types, State of Hawaii, 1998-2002.

Year	Basil			Parsley	Chinese Parsley (Cilantro)	Other herbs <sup>1</sup>	All herbs
	Sweet (Italian)	Asian	Total				
<b>Production - 1,000 pounds</b>							
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
2001	1,500	650	2,150	330	100	620	3,200
<b>2002</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>4,150</b>
<b>Farm price - \$ per pound</b>							
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	
2001	2.00	.80		2.00	2.10	2.45	
<b>2002</b>	<b>1.95</b>	<b>.85</b>		<b>1.70</b>	<b>1.50</b>	<b>2.30</b>	
<b>Farm value - \$1,000</b>							
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
2001	3,000	520	3,520	660	210	1,519	5,909
<b>2002</b>	<b>3,900</b>	<b>850</b>	<b>4,750</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>1,265</b>	<b>6,975</b>

<sup>1</sup> 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.