

Herbs:



Hawaii fresh herb production for 2011 is estimated at 5.4 million pounds, 23 percent above the 4.4 million pounds in 2010. The record production high is 5.7 million pounds set in 2006. The farm value of all fresh herb sales in 2011 was \$9.5 million, down 12 percent from previous year.

Sweet (Italian) basil production is estimated at 1.4 million pounds in 2011, up 17 percent from 2010. Sweet basil farm prices for 2011, at \$1.75 per pound, were down 10 percent compared to previous year with farm gate revenues totaling \$2.4 million which were up 4 percent. Asian basil production is pegged at 2.8 million pounds for 2011, up 40 percent from 2010. Farm prices declined 25 cents to an average of \$1.35 per pound in 2011. The 2011 farm gate value for Asian basil is \$3.8 million, up 18 percent from previous year.

Production of all other herbs totaled 1.2 million pounds in 2011, unchanged from previous year. Farm revenues totaled \$3.3 million, down 38 percent which is attributed to lower prices. Major herbs in this combined category were galangal (Thai ginger), parsley, Chinese parsley (cilantro), rosemary, lemon grass, mint, chives, and various ethnic herbs. ■

HERBS: Production, Price, and Value, State of Hawaii, 2007-2011

Year	Basil			Parsley	Chinese Parsley (Cilantro)	Other Herbs ¹	All Herbs
	Sweet (Italian)	Asian	Total				

Production – 1,000 pounds

2007	2,100	1,600	3,700	140	150	1,410	5,400
2008	2,500	1,700	4,200	100	180	1,120	5,600
2009	1,900	2,300	4,200	²	²	1,100	5,300
2010	1,200	2,000	3,200	²	²	1,200	4,400
2011	1,400	2,800	4,200	²	²	1,200	5,400

Farm price – dollars per pound

2007	1.65	1.25		2.10	2.60	2.20
2008	1.75	1.40		2.25	2.40	2.15
2009	1.95	1.35		²	²	2.81
2010	1.95	1.60		²	²	4.39
2011	1.75	1.35		²	²	2.71

Farm value – 1,000 dollars

2007	3,465	2,000	5,465	294	390	3,102	9,251
2008	4,375	2,380	6,755	225	432	2,408	9,820
2009	3,705	3,105	6,810	²	²	3,087	9,897
2010	2,340	3,200	5,540	²	²	5,266	10,806
2011	2,445	3,780	6,225	²	²	3,250	9,475

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. ² Data not shown separately to avoid disclosure of individual operations but combined and included with "Other herbs."