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Hawaii Herbs

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

Production and farm value at record levels

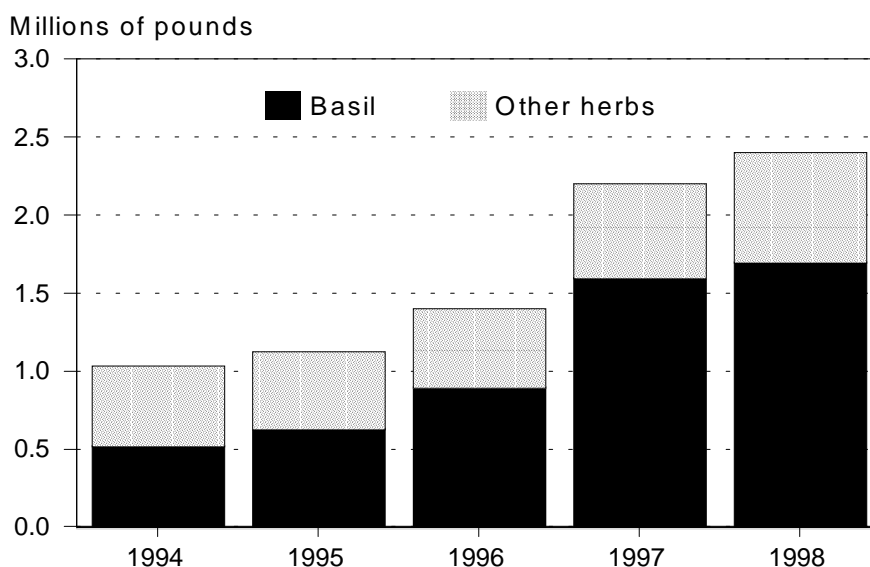
The Hawaii Agricultural Statistics Service estimates production of fresh herb sales at a record high 2.4 million pounds for 1998, up 9 percent from 1997's revised estimate of 2.2 million pounds. The record output, in turn, led to record farm revenues of \$4.3 million, up 7 percent from 1997.

Sweet (Italian) basil is the dominant herb grown in Hawaii with 1998 farm production estimated at 1.2 million pounds, up 9 percent from 1997. **Asian basil** is second in popularity and had farm production of 500,000 pounds, unchanged from 1997. Farm prices for both types of basil declined in 1998 largely due to the increase in production. Sweet basil farm prices declined 5 percent to an average of \$1.90 per pound while Asian basil farm prices declined 10 percent to \$0.90 per pound.

Parsley production totaled 125,000 pounds, down 38 percent from 1997. Offsetting some of the decline in production was a 17-percent increase in farm prices to an average of \$2.05 per pound. **Chinese parsley** (more commonly known as Cilantro) farmers harvested 75,000 pounds in 1998, down 25 percent from 1997. Farm prices for Chinese parsley increased 2 percent in 1998 due to the decline in production.

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Fresh Herb Production State of Hawaii, 1994-98



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Production of all **other herbs** totaled 500,000 pounds and had a farm value of \$1.1 million in 1998. Some of the major herbs in this combined category were mint,

rosemary, thyme, and lemon grass. 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, 1994-98.

Year	Basil			Parsley	Chinese Parsley (Cilantro)	Other herbs ¹	All herbs
	Sweet (Italian)	Asian	Total				
Production - 1,000 pounds							
1994	290	230	520	260	47	203	1,030
1995	390	240	630	230	60	200	1,120
1996	510	390	900	200	70	230	1,400
1997	² 1,100	500	² 1,600	200	100	² 300	² 2,200
1998	1,200	500	1,700	125	75	500	2,400
Farm price - \$ per pound							
1994	2.30	0.85		1.23	2.14	2.40	
1995	1.95	0.85		1.30	1.70	2.60	
1996	2.20	1.40		1.70	2.70	2.40	
1997	² 2.00	1.00		1.75	2.65	² 2.30	
1998	1.90	.90		2.05	2.70	2.20	
Farm value - \$1,000							
1994	667	196	863	320	101	487	1,771
1995	761	204	965	299	102	520	1,886
1996	1,122	546	1,668	340	189	552	2,749
1997	² 2,200	500	² 2,700	350	265	² 690	² 4,005
1998	2,280	450	2,730	256	203	1,100	4,289

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 Revised.