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Hawaii Herbs

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

Production and farm value keep climbing

The Hawaii Agricultural Statistics Service estimates production of fresh herb sales at a record high 2.9 million pounds for 1999, up 21 percent from the 1998 estimate of 2.4 million pounds. The record-high output resulted in lower farm prices for some herbs, but the overall total increased 26 percent to a record-high \$5.4 million.

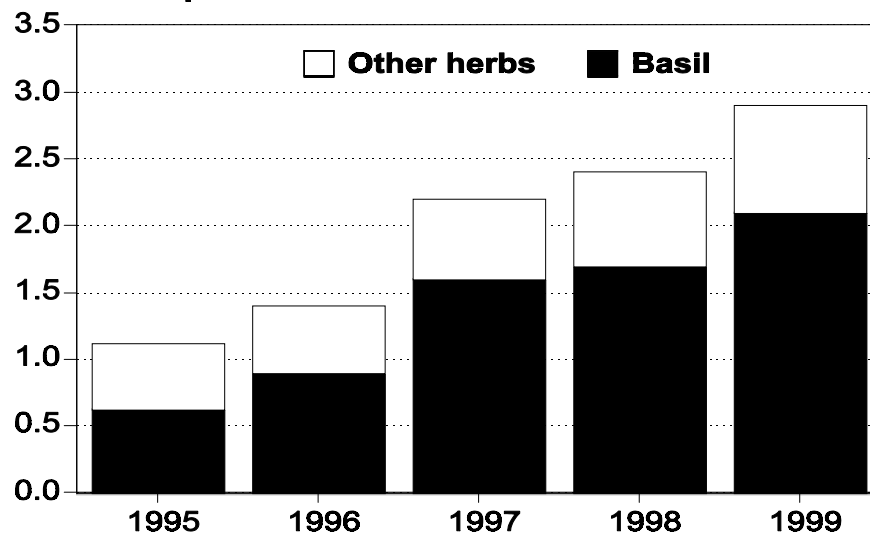
Sweet (Italian) basil remains the dominant herb grown in Hawaii with 1999 farm production of 1.5 million pounds and farm revenues of \$3.0 million, up 25 and 32 percent respectively from 1998. **Asian basil** was second in popularity with farm production of 600,000 pounds and farm revenues of \$420,000 in 1999. While farm production went up 20 percent in 1999, farm prices decreased 22 percent to an average of 70 cents per pound.

Parsley production totaled 190,000 pounds, up 52 percent from 1998. Farm revenues increased 48 percent to \$380,000 in 1999 due to the higher output. **Chinese parsley** (more commonly known as Cilantro) farmers harvested 90,000 pounds in 1999, 20 percent more than in 1998. Farm prices for Chinese parsley decreased 20 percent in 1999 to an average of \$2.15 per pound.

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Fresh Herb Production State of Hawaii, 1995-99

Millions of pounds



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Production of all **other herbs** totaled 520,000 pounds and had a farm value of \$1.4 million in 1999. 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, 1995-99.

Year	Basil			Parsley	Chinese Parsley (Cilantro)	Other herbs ¹	All herbs
	Sweet (Italian)	Asian	Total				
Production - 1,000 pounds							
1995	390	240	630	230	60	200	1,120
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
Farm price - \$ per pound							
1995	1.95	0.85		1.30	1.70	2.60	
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	
Farm value - \$1,000							
1995	761	204	965	299	102	520	1,886
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

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.