

HAWAII PAPAYAS



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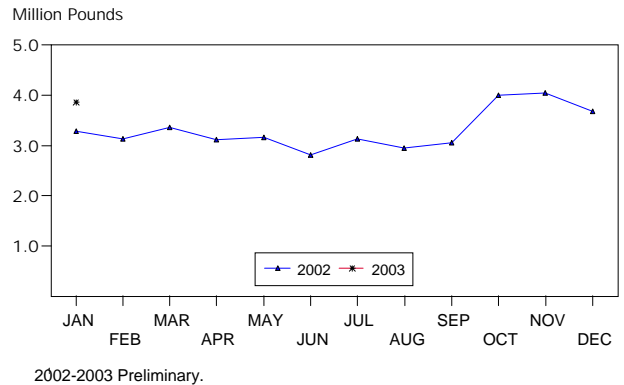
FRESH PRODUCTION STARTS THE NEW YEAR WITH AN INCREASE

Hawaii fresh papaya production is estimated at 3.9 million pounds for January 2003, up 5 percent from last month, and 16 percent above a year ago.

Weather conditions over major non-irrigated papaya orchards were mostly dry during January. Flowering in bearing orchards was adversely affected and seedling growth in newly planted fields was slowed.

Papaya growers are expected to receive an estimated 28.0 cents per pound for fresh fruit in January. This is 8 percent (2.0 cents) up from last month, but 18 percent (6.0 cents) lower than a year ago.

FRESH PAPAYA UTILIZATION STATE OF HAWAII, 2002-2003¹



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FRESH PAPAYA UTILIZATION, STATE OF HAWAII, MONTH OF: January 2003

Island	Sales				Year ago	Year-to-date	
	Local ¹	Intrastate	Out-of-State	Total fresh		2002	2003
	<i>1,000 pounds</i>						
Hawaii.....	110	1,240	2,100	3,450	2,695	2,695	3,450
Kauai.....	41	4	5	50	95	95	50
Maui/Molokai/Oahu ²	345	0	20	365	555	555	365
State.....	496	1,244	2,125	3,865	3,345	3,345	3,865

¹ On island of production.

² Combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

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PAPAYA ACREAGE, STATE OF HAWAII, 2002 WITH COMPARISONS

Island	Total acreage in crop							
	March		June		September		December	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
Hawaii.....	2,270	2,200	3,000	1,920	2,360	1,925	2,275	1,850
Kauai.....	120	75	105	75	75	60	80	55
Maui/Molokai/Oahu.....	470	210	430	210	255	185	220	170
State.....	2,860	2,485	3,535	2,205	2,690	2,170	2,575	2,075
	Total bearing acres							
Hawaii.....	1,660	1,700	1,670	1,490	1,675	1,385	1,620	1,385
Kauai.....	85	60	80	60	55	40	60	35
Maui/Molokai/Oahu.....	280	175	285	180	210	85	145	75
State.....	2,025	1,935	2,035	1,730	1,940	1,510	1,825	1,495

FRESH PAPAYA FARM PRICE, STATE OF HAWAII, 2002-2003

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Average
	<i>Cents per pound</i>												
2002 ¹	34.0	35.0	34.0	38.0	42.0	40.0	35.0	34.0	30.0	27.0	26.0	26.0	
2003 ¹	28.0												

¹Preliminary.