

HAWAII PAPAYAS



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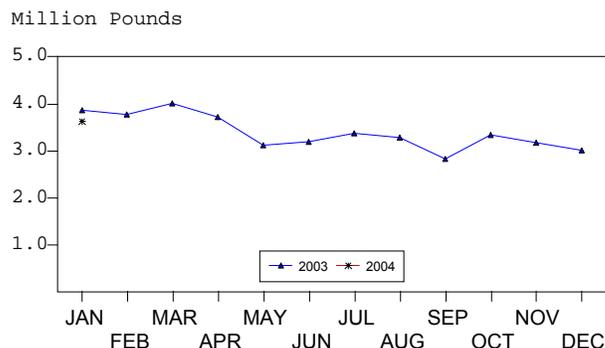
JANUARY FRESH UTILIZATION 8 PERCENT BELOW A YEAR AGO

Hawaii fresh papaya utilization is estimated at 3.64 million pounds for January 2004, 21 percent higher than December, but 8 percent lower than January 2003.

Weather conditions were variable during the month of January. Soil moisture has been adequate in non-irrigated orchards with majority of rainfall occurring in the first and last weeks of the month.

Papaya growers are expected to receive an estimated 30.0 cents per pound for fresh fruit in January, 3 percent (1.0 cent) more than last month and 7 percent (2.0 cents) higher than a year ago.

FRESH PAPAYA UTILIZATION STATE OF HAWAII, 2003-2004¹



¹ 2003-2004 Preliminary.

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FRESH PAPAYA UTILIZATION, STATE OF HAWAII, MONTH OF: January 2004

Island	Sales				Year ago	Year-to-date	
	Local ¹	Intrastate	Out-of-State	Total fresh		2003	2004
	<i>1,000 pounds</i>						
Hawaii.....	122	1,608	1,500	3,230	3,510	3,510	3,230
Kauai.....	34	1	0	35	60	60	35
Maui/Molokai/Oahu ²	348	2	20	370	365	365	370
State.....	504	1,611	1,520	3,635	3,935	3,935	3,635

¹ On island of production.

² Combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

PAPAYA ACREAGE, STATE OF HAWAII, 2003 WITH COMPARISONS

Island	Total acreage in crop							
	March		June		September		December	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
Hawaii.....	2,200	2,015	1,920	1,925	1,925	2,165	1,925	2,000
Kauai.....	80	55	75	65	60	95	55	50
Maui/Molokai/Oahu.....	210	185	210	185	185	105	170	160
State.....	2,490	2,255	2,205	2,175	2,170	2,365	2,150	2,210
	Total bearing acres							
Hawaii.....	1,700	1,600	1,490	1,440	1,385	1,430	1,465	1,200
Kauai.....	60	40	60	40	40	80	35	35
Maui/Molokai/Oahu.....	170	95	175	95	75	55	80	110
State.....	1,930	1,735	1,725	1,575	1,500	1,565	1,580	1,345

FRESH PAPAYA FARM PRICE, STATE OF HAWAII, 2003-2004

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Average
	<i>Cents per pound</i>												
2003 ¹	28.0	32.0	35.0	36.0	38.0	38.0	35.0	32.0	34.0	31.0	29.0	29.0	
2004 ¹	30.0												

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