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# HAWAII PAPAYAS



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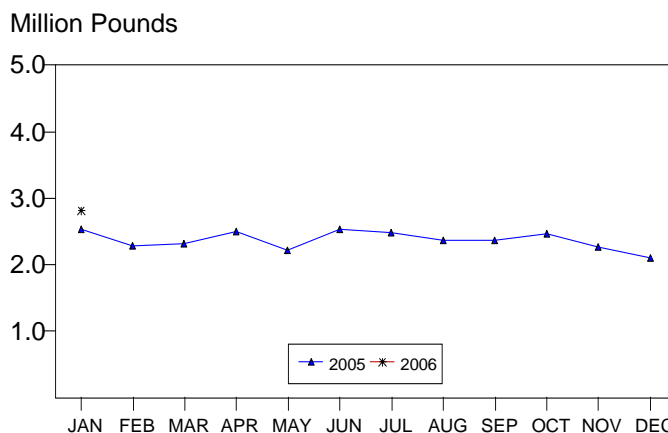
## JANUARY FRESH PAPAYA HIGHER

Hawaii fresh papaya utilization is estimated at 2.8 million pounds for January 2006, up 34 percent from last month and 9 percent more than a year ago. Previous dry weather delayed production to earlier 2006. Gaps in the fruit columns resulting from last year's dry weather were still noticeable.

Dry weather continued into January but turned wet after a storm brought some much needed rain later in the month. Puna orchards responded well with some new leaf growth and blossom formation on trees. Growers planted fields in Opihikao and Pohoiki. Large tracts of previously farmed land still await planting. Young trees in Kalapana are beginning to bear fruit.

Papaya growers are expected to receive an estimated 34.0 cents per pound for fresh fruit in January, 11 percent (4.0 cents) less than last month, but up 10 percent (3.0 cents) more than January 2005.

## PAPAYA: Fresh Utilization, State of Hawaii, 2005-2006



<sup>1</sup> 2005-2006 Preliminary.

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## FRESH PAPAYA UTILIZATION, STATE OF HAWAII, MONTH OF: January 2006

Island	Sales				Year ago	Year-to-date	
	Local <sup>1</sup>	Intrastate	Out-of-State	Total fresh		2005	2006
	<i>1,000 pounds</i>						
Hawaii.....	127	1,513	900	2,540	2,310	2,310	2,540
Kauai.....	22	3	0	25	30	30	25
Maui/Molokai/Oahu <sup>2</sup> .....	175	5	70	250	240	240	250
State.....	324	1,521	970	2,815	2,580	2,580	2,815

<sup>1</sup> On island of production.

<sup>2</sup> Combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

**PAPAYA ACREAGE, STATE OF HAWAII, 2005 WITH COMPARISONS**

Island	Total acreage in crop							
	March		June		September		December	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2,005
Hawaii.....	1,900	2,265	1,800	2,355	1,920	2,200	2,050	2,070
Kauai.....	50	35	40	40	40	30	40	30
Mauai/Molokai/Oahu.....	160	190	160	205	150	150	140	190
State.....	2,110	2,490	2,000	2,600	2,110	2,380	2,230	2,290

Total bearing acres								
Hawaii.....	1,000	1,270	900	1,405	1,220	1,325	1,245	1,630
Kauai.....	35	25	30	30	25	25	25	20
Mauai/Molokai/Oahu.....	125	140	125	145	125	105	130	130
State.....	1,160	1,435	1,055	1,580	1,370	1,455	1,400	1,780

**FRESH PAPAYA FARM PRICE, STATE OF HAWAII, 2005-2006**

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Average
	<i>Cents per pound</i>												
2005 <sup>1</sup>	31.0	37.0	40.0	42.0	44.0	37.0	37.0	36.0	35.0	32.0	36.0	38.0	
2006 <sup>1</sup>	34.0												

<sup>1</sup> Preliminary.

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