

HAWAII PAPAYAS



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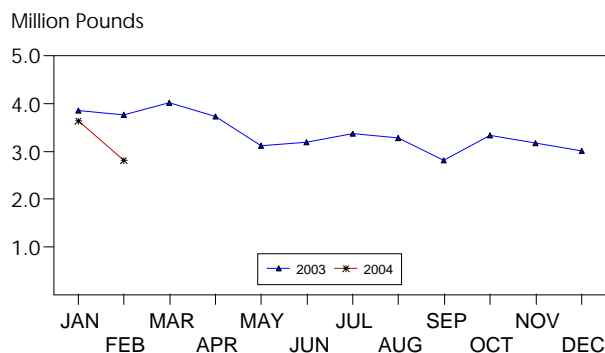
FEBRUARY FRESH UTILIZATION BELOW LAST MONTH AND YEAR AGO

Hawaii fresh papaya utilization is estimated at 2.82 million pounds for February 2004, 23 percent lower than January, and 25 percent lower than last February. Lower February output can be attributed to seasonally cool temperatures and less than optimal rainfall distribution in September and October 2003.

Weather conditions over the major producing areas were variable during the month of February. Soil moisture has been adequate in non-irrigated orchards.

Papaya growers are expected to receive an estimated 31.0 cents per pound for fresh fruit in February, 3 percent (1.0 cent) more than last month but 3 percent (1.0 cents) lower 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: February 2004

Island	Sales				Year ago	Year-to-date	
	Local ¹	Intrastate	Out-of-State	Total fresh		2003	2004
	1,000 pounds						
Hawaii.....	115	1,210	1,200	2,525	3,320	6,830	5,755
Kauai.....	30	0	0	30	50	110	65
Maui/Molokai/Oahu ²	235	5	20	260	365	730	630
State.....	380	1,215	1,220	2,815	3,735	7,670	6,450

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	31.0											

¹Preliminary.