

HAWAII PAPAYAS



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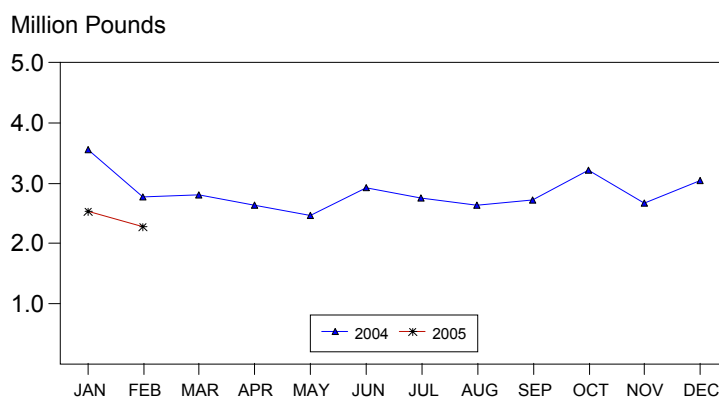
FEBRUARY FRESH UTILIZATION LOWER

Hawaii fresh papaya utilization is estimated at 2.28 million pounds for February 2005, 10 percent lower than last month, and 18 percent less than a year ago.

Weather conditions were variable during February with a mix of showers, sometimes heavy, and sunny periods. Cooler temperatures and shorter day length have slowed crop progress. Soil moisture has been irregular but adequate in non-irrigated orchards.

Papaya growers are expected to receive an estimated 37.0 cents per pound for fresh fruit in February, 19 percent (6.0 cents) more than last month and a year ago.

FRESH PAPAYA UTILIZATION STATE OF HAWAII, 2004-2005¹



¹ 2004-2005 Preliminary.

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FRESH PAPAYA UTILIZATION, STATE OF HAWAII, MONTH OF: February 2005

Island	Sales				Year ago	Year-to-date	
	Local ¹	Intrastate	Out-of-State	Total fresh		2004	2005
	<i>1,000 pounds</i>						
Hawaii.....	120	1,115	740	1,975	2,485	5,625	4,245
Kauai.....	38	2	0	40	30	65	70
Maui/Molokai/Oahu ²	190	5	70	265	260	645	505
State.....	348	1,122	810	2,280	2,775	6,335	4,820

¹ On island of production.

² Combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

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PAPAYA ACREAGE, STATE OF HAWAII, 2004 WITH COMPARISONS

Island	Total acreage in crop							
	March		June		September		December	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004 ¹	2003	2004
Hawaii.....	2,005	1,900	1,915	1,800	2,155	1,920	1,990	2,050
Kauai.....	60	50	65	40	45	40	50	40
Maui/Molokai/Oahu.....	195	160	190	160	170	150	170	140
State.....	2,260	2,110	2,170	2,000	2,370	2,110	2,210	2,230
	Total bearing acres							
Hawaii.....	1,375	1,000	1,430	900	1,420	1,220	1,195	1,250
Kauai.....	40	40	40	30	30	25	35	25
Maui/Molokai/Oahu.....	100	125	105	125	115	125	120	120
State.....	1,515	1,165	1,575	1,055	1,565	1,370	1,350	1,395

¹ Revised.

FRESH PAPAYA FARM PRICE, STATE OF HAWAII, 2004-2005

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Average
	<i>Cents per pound</i>												
2004 ¹	30.0	31.0	39.0	45.0	53.0	37.0	41.0	37.0	37.0	35.0	33.0	30.0	
2005 ¹	31.0	37.0											

¹ Preliminary.