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HAWAII PAPAYAS



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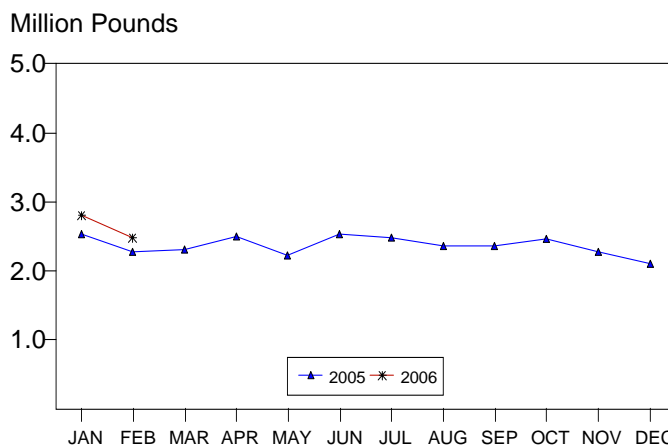
FEBRUARY FRESH PAPAYA ABOVE LAST YEAR

Hawaii fresh papaya utilization is estimated at 2.49 million pounds for February 2006, down 12 percent from last month, but up 3 percent from the same month last year. Year-to-date sales for the first two months of 2006 totaled 5.30 million pounds, 6 percent higher than the comparable total in 2005.

Weather conditions for orchards were variable for February. Late January rains spurred flowering and growth. Heavy rains fell over Oahu and Kauai during the later part of February causing some excessive soil moisture levels. Spraying efforts were increased. Cooler temperatures slowed fruit development. In Puna, younger fields came into production and new orchards were planted.

Papaya growers are expected to receive an estimated 36.0 cents per pound for fresh fruit in February, 6 percent (2.0 cents) more than last month, but 3 percent (1.0 cent) less than February 2005.

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



¹ 2005-2006 Preliminary.

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FRESH PAPAYA UTILIZATION, STATE OF HAWAII, MONTH OF: February 2006

Island	Sales				Year ago	Year-to-date	
	Local ¹	Intrastate	Out-of-State	Total fresh		2005	2006
	<i>1,000 pounds</i>						
Hawaii.....	130	1,220	900	2,250	2,115	4,425	4,790
Kauai.....	20	0	0	20	40	70	45
Maui/Molokai/Oahu ²	147	3	70	220	270	510	470
State.....	297	1,223	970	2,490	2,425	5,005	5,305

¹ On island of production.

² 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 ¹	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 ¹	34.0	36.0											

¹ Preliminary.

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