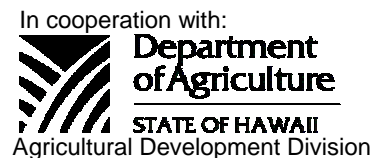




HAWAII PAPAYAS



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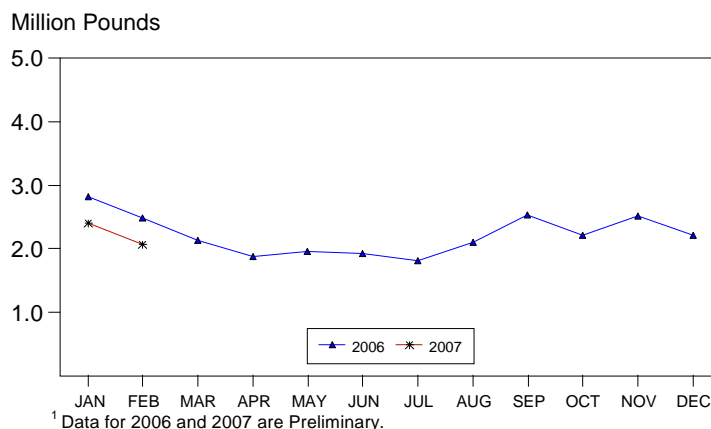
FEBRUARY SALES LOWER

Hawaii fresh papaya utilization is estimated at 2.1 million pounds for February 2007, down 14 percent from January of this year and 8 percent less than February of last year. Cumulative sales for the first two months of 2007 were down 13 percent from the same period in 2006.

Weather conditions for February were generally favorable for papaya orchards. New growth and steady flowering benefited from sunny days and intermittent showers. Growers cleared fallen trees left by previous high winds. Field activities were delayed by heavy rain during the last week of February.

Papaya growers are expected to receive an estimated 41.0 cents per pound for fresh fruit in February 2007, up 8 percent (3.0 cents) from last month and 14 percent more (5.0 cents) from a year ago.

PAPAYA: Fresh Utilization, State of Hawaii, 2006-2007 ¹



FRESH PAPAYA UTILIZATION, STATE OF HAWAII, MONTH OF: February 2007

County	Sales				Year ago	Year-to-date	
	Local ¹	Intrastate	Out-of-State	Total fresh		2006	2007
	<i>1,000 pounds</i>						
Hawaii.....	90	1,130	700	1,920	2,000	4,635	4,180
Honolulu/Kauai/Maui ²	86	4	60	150	240	525	300
State.....	176	1,134	760	2,070	2,240	5,160	4,480

¹ On island of production.

² Kauai and Maui combined with Honolulu to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

PAPAYA ACREAGE, STATE OF HAWAII, 2006 WITH COMPARISONS

County	Total acreage in crop							
	March		June		September		December	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
Hawaii.....	2,265	1,850	2,355	1,575	2,100	1,965	2,070	2,170
Honolulu/Kauai/Maui ¹	225	210	245	170	230	175	220	180
State.....	2,490	2,060	2,600	1,745	2,330	2,140	2,290	2,350

Total bearing acres								
Hawaii.....	1,270	1,620	1,405	1,385	1,265	1,215	1,630	1,025
Honolulu/Kauai/Maui ¹	165	155	175	125	180	120	150	110
State.....	1,435	1,775	1,580	1,510	1,445	1,335	1,780	1,135

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FRESH PAPAYA FARM PRICE, STATE OF HAWAII, 2006-2007

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Average
	<i>Cents per pound</i>												
2006 ¹	34.0	36.0	45.0	49.0	58.0	51.0	48.0	40.0	38.0	38.0	37.0	34.0	
2007 ¹	38.0	41.0											

¹ Preliminary.

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