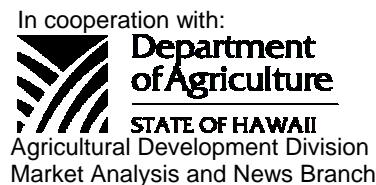




# HAWAII PAPAYAS



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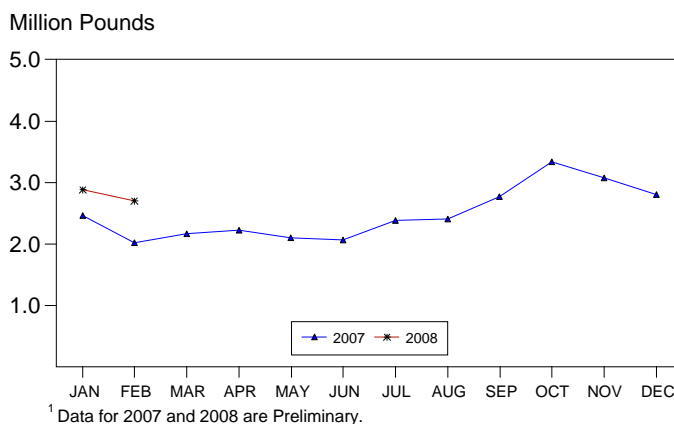
## FEBRUARY OUTPUT ABOVE LAST YEAR

Hawaii fresh papaya utilization is estimated at 2.7 million pounds for February 2008, down 6 percent from January 2008, but up 34 percent from February 2007. Cumulative sales for the first two months of 2008 totaled 5.6 million pounds, 24 percent above the comparable period last year.

Orchards experienced wet weather in early February but gradually cleared as the month progressed. Wind and water damage weakened older trees, allowing disease to set in. Some older fields were taken out of production but offset by maturing fields. Young planting made favorable progress with returning sunny conditions. Growers stepped up maintenance efforts to control weeds.

Hawaii fresh papaya farm price for February is estimated at 43.0 cents per pound, 5 percent (2.0 cents) more than last month and February a year ago.

**PAPAYA: Fresh Utilization, State of Hawaii, 2007-2008<sup>1</sup>**



**FRESH PAPAYA UTILIZATION, STATE OF HAWAII, 2008 WITH COMPARISONS<sup>1</sup>**

Month	Sales				Year ago	Year-to-date	
	Local <sup>2</sup>	Intrastate	Out-of-State	Total fresh		2007	2008
	<i>1,000 pounds</i>						
January	220	1,460	1,200	2,880	2,465	2,465	2,880
February	220	1,190	1,285	2,695	2,015	4,480	5,575

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary for 2007.

<sup>2</sup> On island of production.

## PAPAYA ACREAGE, STATE OF HAWAII, 2007 WITH COMPARISONS <sup>1</sup>

County	Total acreage in crop							
	March		June		September		December	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
Hawaii.....	1,850	1,750	1,575	1,540	1,965	1,905	2,170	1,860
Honolulu/Kauai/Maui <sup>2</sup> .....	220	185	170	195	175	200	180	190
<b>State.....</b>	<b>2,070</b>	<b>1,935</b>	<b>1,745</b>	<b>1,735</b>	<b>2,140</b>	<b>2,105</b>	<b>2,350</b>	<b>2,050</b>
	Total harvested acres <sup>3</sup>							
Hawaii.....	1,620	750	1,385	675	1,205	1,240	1,025	1,135
Honolulu/Kauai/Maui <sup>2</sup> .....	165	120	125	125	120	135	110	120
<b>State.....</b>	<b>1,785</b>	<b>870</b>	<b>1,510</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>1,325</b>	<b>1,375</b>	<b>1,135</b>	<b>1,255</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary for 2007. <sup>2</sup> Kauai and Maui combined with Honolulu to avoid disclosure of individual operations. <sup>3</sup> Bearing acres where papayas were harvested.

## FRESH PAPAYA FARM PRICE, STATE OF HAWAII, 2007-2008 <sup>1</sup>

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Average
	<i>Cents per pound</i>												
2007	38.0	41.0	47.0	48.0	49.0	52.0	47.0	40.0	37.0	37.0	37.0	37.0	
2008	41.0	43.0											

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary for 2007 and 2008.

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