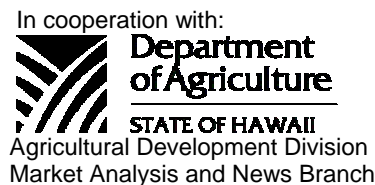




# HAWAII PAPAYAS



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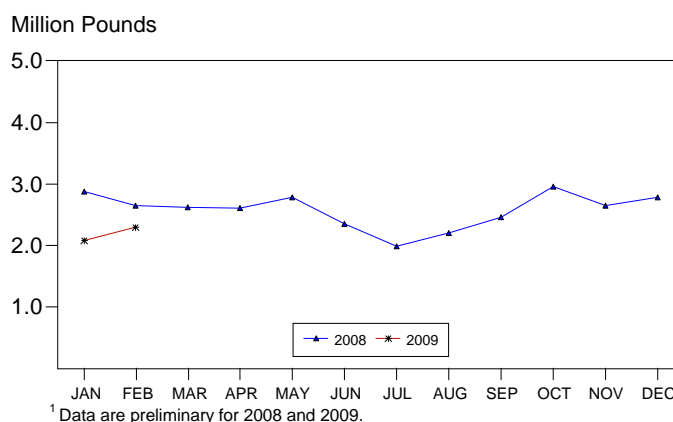
## FEBRUARY OUTPUT DOWN FROM LAST YEAR

Hawaii fresh papaya utilization is estimated at 2.3 million pounds for February 2009, up 11 percent from January 2009, but down 13 percent from February 2008. Year-to-date utilization for 2009 totaled 4.4 million pounds down 21 percent from the same period last year.

Wet and cool weather lingered into February along with variable trade winds. Growers dealt with disease outbreaks and root rot problems especially in poorly drained soils. Fruit quality has also been affected. Growers tried to keep up with the spraying efforts and usual field maintenance despite the rainy and soggy conditions. Planting of new fields were underway. Seedlings benefited from additional soil moisture.

Papaya growers are expected to receive an estimated 50.0 cents per pound for fresh fruit in February, 9 percent (4.0 cents) more than last month and 16 percent (7.0 cents) above February a year ago.

**PAPAYA: Fresh Utilization, State of Hawaii, 2008-2009<sup>1</sup>**



## FRESH PAPAYA UTILIZATION, STATE OF HAWAII, 2009 WITH COMPARISONS<sup>1</sup>

Month	Sales				Year ago	Year-to-date	
	Local <sup>2</sup>	Intrastate	Out-of-State	Total fresh		2008	2009
	<i>1,000 pounds</i>						
January	218	957	905	2,080	2,880	2,880	2,080
February	247	1,103	950	2,300	2,645	5,525	4,380

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary for 2008 and 2009.

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

**PAPAYA ACREAGE, STATE OF HAWAII, 2009 WITH COMPARISONS <sup>1</sup>**

County	Total acreage in crop							
	March		June		September		December	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
Hawaii.....	1,820		1,840		2,020		2,220	
Honolulu/Kauai/Maui <sup>2</sup> .....	200		200		185		190	
State.....	2,020		2,040		2,205		2,410	
	Total harvested acres <sup>3</sup>							
Hawaii.....	1,300		1,200		1,150		1,335	
Honolulu/Kauai/Maui <sup>2</sup> .....	125		130		130		130	
State.....	1,425		1,330		1,280		1,465	

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary for 2008 and 2009.

<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, 2008-2009 <sup>1</sup>**

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Average
	<i>Cents per pound</i>												
2008	41.0	43.0	50.0	51.0	53.0	51.0	52.0	50.0	47.0	43.0	39.0	38.0	
2009	46.0	50.0											

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary for 2008 and 2009.

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