

HAWAII PAPAYAS



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FRESH OUTPUT REMAINS LOW

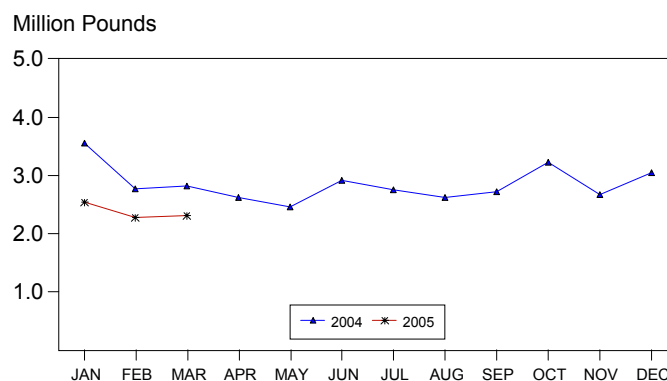
Hawaii fresh papaya utilization is estimated at 2.31 million pounds for March 2005, 1 percent higher than last month, but 18 percent less than a year ago. Output lower than the February and March last occurred in 1983. Lower output for the past several months can be attributed to lower yields due to cool temperatures, irregular rainfall, and dry conditions in September 2004 which adversely affected flowering for the February-March crop.

Area in crop totaled 2,490 acres in March, up 18 percent from a year ago. Harvested area totaled 1,435 acres, 24 percent more than a year ago.

Weather conditions were variable during March with a mix of rainfall and sunny periods. Soil moisture has been irregular but adequate in non-irrigated orchards.

Papaya growers are expected to receive an estimated 40.0 cents per pound for fresh fruit in March, 8 percent (3.0 cents) more than last month and up 3 percent (1.0 cent) from 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: March 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	1,190	700	2,010	2,500	8,125	6,255
Kauai.....	27	3	0	30	45	110	100
Maui/Molokai/Oahu ²	191	9	70	270	270	915	775
State.....	338	1,202	770	2,310	2,815	9,150	7,130

¹ On island of production.

² Combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

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PAPAYA ACREAGE, STATE OF HAWAII, 2005 WITH COMPARISONS

Island	Total acreage in crop								
	March		June		September		December		
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	
Hawaii.....	1,900	2,265	1,800		1,920		2,050		
Kauai.....	50	35	40		40		40		
Maui/Molokai/Oahu.....	160	190	160		150		140		
State.....	2,110	2,490	2,000		2,110		2,230		
	Total bearing acres								
Hawaii.....	1,000	1,270	900		1,220		1,250		
Kauai.....	35	25	30		25		25		
Maui/Molokai/Oahu.....	125	140	125		125		120		
State.....	1,160	1,435	1,055		1,370		1,395		

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	40.0										

¹ Preliminary.