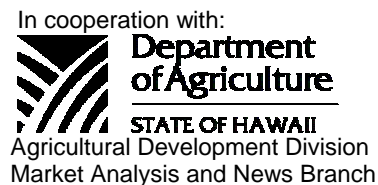




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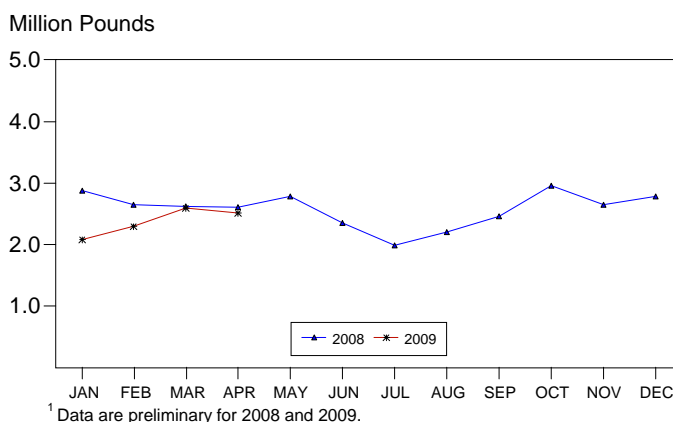
APRIL FRESH PAPAYA DOWN

Hawaii fresh papaya utilization is estimated at 2.5 million pounds for April 2009, declining 3 percent from March 2009 and 4 percent lower than April 2008. Year-to-date fresh utilization for January to April totaled 9.5 million pounds 12 percent less than the same period last year.

Showery weather prevailed across the State at the beginning of April. However, after mid-month, the temperatures became warmer and days were drier with intermittent hazy conditions. Disease, insect infestation, poor fruit quality, and weed growth were evident in some orchards exposed to higher rainfall in March. The added moisture did however benefit new plantings. More sunny periods later in the month helped crop progress. Drier periods allowed growers to concentrate on field maintenance efforts. Orchards were in fair to good condition in April.

Papaya growers are expected to receive an estimated 45.0 cents per pound for fresh fruit in April, 6 percent (3.0 cents) less than last month and 12 percent (6.0 cents) lower than April a year ago.

PAPAYA: Fresh Utilization, State of Hawaii, 2008-2009¹



FRESH PAPAYA UTILIZATION, STATE OF HAWAII, 2009 WITH COMPARISONS¹

Month	Sales				Year ago	Year-to-date	
	Local ²	Intrastate	Out-of-State	Total fresh		2008	2009
	<i>1,000 pounds</i>						
March	249	1,166	1,185	2,600	2,620	8,145	6,980
April	230	1,180	1,110	2,520	2,615	10,760	9,500

¹ Data are preliminary for 2008 and 2009.

² On island of production.

PAPAYA ACREAGE, STATE OF HAWAII, 2009 WITH COMPARISONS ¹

County	Total acreage in crop							
	March		June		September		December	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
Hawaii.....	1,820	2,150	1,840		2,020		2,220	
Honolulu/Kauai/Maui ²	220	180	200		185		190	
State.....	2,040	2,330	2,040		2,205		2,410	
Total harvested acres ³								
Hawaii.....	1,275	1,350	1,200		1,150		1,335	
Honolulu/Kauai/Maui ²	155	120	130		130		130	
State.....	1,430	1,470	1,330		1,280		1,465	

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

³ Bearing acres where papayas were harvested.

FRESH PAPAYA FARM PRICE, STATE OF HAWAII, 2008-2009 ¹

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	48.0	45.0									

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