

# HAWAII PAPAYAS



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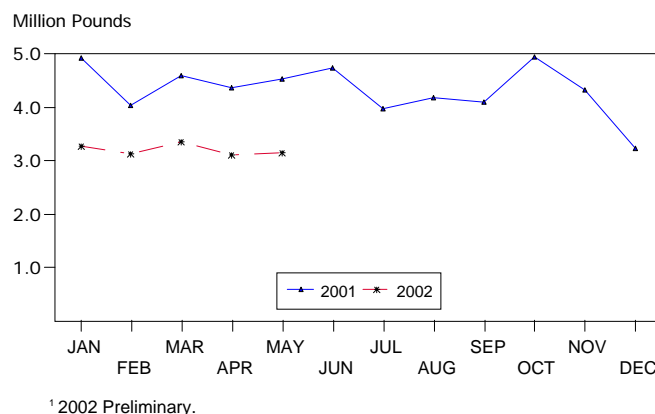
## MAY PRODUCTION CONTINUES BELOW PREVIOUS YEAR

Hawaii fresh papaya utilization is estimated at 3.16 million pounds for May 2002, 1 percent higher than last month, but 30 percent lower than a year ago. Year-to-date fresh sales trail the same 5-month period of 2001 by 29 percent.

Weather conditions in May were variable with light to moderate showers and sunshine over major papaya producing areas. Non-irrigated orchards have adequate soil moisture. Incidence of Papaya Ringspot Virus was low. However, more spraying was necessary to control fungal diseases. Papaya supplies were increasing but yields were below expectations due to fruit scarring and diseases.

Papaya growers are expected to receive an estimated 42.0 cents per pound for fresh fruit in May, 11 percent (4.0 cents) higher than last month, and 20 percent (7.0 cents) higher than a year ago.

## FRESH PAPAYA UTILIZATION STATE OF HAWAII, 2001-2002<sup>1</sup>



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## FRESH PAPAYA UTILIZATION, STATE OF HAWAII, MONTH OF: May 2002

Island	Sales				Year ago	Year-to-date	
	Local <sup>1</sup>	Intrastate	Out-of-State	Total fresh		2001	2002
	<i>1,000 pounds</i>						
Hawaii.....	172	963	1,350	2,485	3,405	16,965	12,775
Kauai.....	72	38	10	120	175	865	535
Maui/Molokai/Oahu <sup>2</sup> .....	526	4	20	550	950	4,650	2,750
State.....	770	1,005	1,380	3,155	4,530	22,480	16,060

<sup>1</sup> On island of production.

<sup>2</sup> Combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

**PAPAYA ACREAGE, STATE OF HAWAII, 2002 WITH COMPARISONS**

Island	Total acreage in crop							
	March		June		September		December	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
Hawaii.....	2,270	2,200	3,000		2,360		2,275	
Kauai.....	120	75	105		75		80	
Maui/Molokai/Oahu.....	470	210	430		255		220	
State.....	2,860	2,485	3,535		2,690		2,575	
	Total bearing acres							
Hawaii.....	1,660	1,700	1,670		1,675		1,625	
Kauai.....	85	60	80		50		60	
Maui/Molokai/Oahu.....	280	175	285		200		150	
State.....	2,025	1,935	2,035		1,925		1,835	

**FRESH PAPAYA FARM PRICE, STATE OF HAWAII, 2001-2002**

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Average
	<i>Cents per pound</i>												
2001 <sup>1</sup>	21.0	28.0	32.0	37.0	35.0	32.0	33.0	30.0	27.0	25.0	25.0	26.0	
2002 <sup>1</sup>	34.0	35.0	34.0	38.0	42.0								

<sup>1</sup>Preliminary.