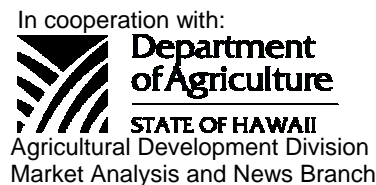




HAWAII PAPAYAS



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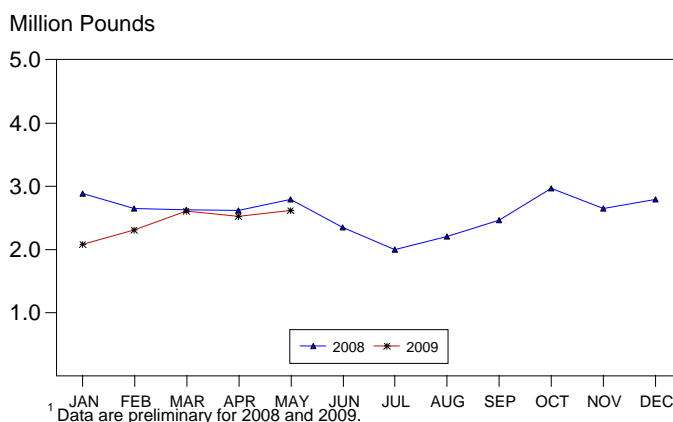
MAY FRESH PAPAYAS BELOW LAST YEAR

Hawaii fresh papaya utilization is estimated at 2.6 million pounds for May 2009, up 4 percent from April 2009, but down 6 percent from May 2008. Output for January to May totaled 12.1 million pounds, 11 percent lower than the comparable period last year.

In May, orchards experienced warm and sunny weather favorable for fruit development and ripening. Usual field maintenance and new field preparation were underway. Some growers stepped up their irrigation efforts to compensate for the lower soil moisture. Orchards were mostly in fair to good condition during the month.

Papaya growers are expected to receive an estimated 44.0 cents per pound for fresh fruit in May, down 2 percent (1.0 cent) from last month and 17 percent (9.0 cents) lower than May 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>						
April	230	1,180	1,110	2,520	2,615	10,760	9,500
May	228	1,327	1,060	2,615	2,785	13,545	12,115

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	

¹ Data are preliminary for 2008 and 2009.

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	44.0								

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