



# HAWAII PAPAYAS



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## FRESH PAPAYA OUTPUT HIGHER FOR SEPTEMBER

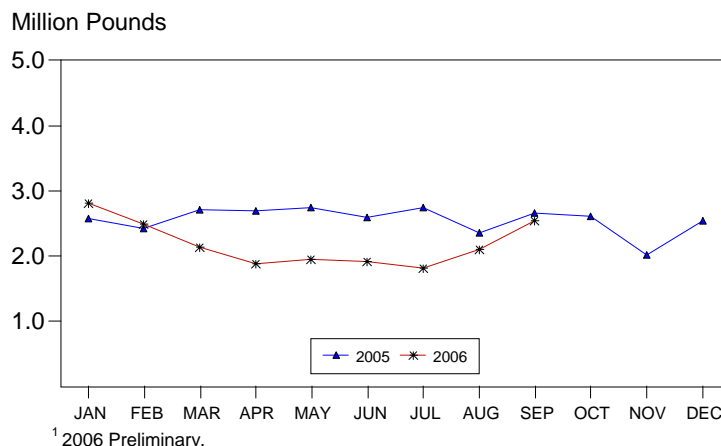
Hawaii fresh papaya utilization is estimated at 2.5 million pounds for September 2006, up 20 percent from August, but down 5 percent from September a year ago. Fresh papaya output for the three quarters of the year was down 16 percent from the comparable period last year.

Total in crop acreage for September is estimated at 2,140, up 23 percent from June this year, but down 8 percent from September a year ago. Harvested area totaled 1,335 acres for September, 12 percent below June 2006 and 8 percent lower than September 2005.

Sunny weather mixed with some trade winds and showers prevailed in September. Warm temperatures were favorable for orchard development and maintenance. A rainy period earlier in the year prompted flowering and resulted in heavy harvesting during the month.

Papaya growers are expected to receive an estimated 38.0 cents per pound for fresh fruit in September, 5 percent (2.0 cents) below last month, but 11 percent (3.7 cents) above a year ago.

**PAPAYA: Fresh Utilization, State of Hawaii, 2005-2006<sup>1</sup>**



### FRESH PAPAYA UTILIZATION, STATE OF HAWAII, MONTH OF: September 2006

County	Sales				Year ago	Year-to-date	
	Local <sup>1</sup>	Intrastate	Out-of-State	Total fresh		2005	2006
	<i>1,000 pounds</i>						
Hawaii.....	120	1,460	740	2,320	2,340	20,600	17,755
Honolulu/Kauai/Maui <sup>2</sup> .....	139	6	70	215	325	2,925	1,900
<b>State.....</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>1,466</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>2,535</b>	<b>2,665</b>	<b>23,525</b>	<b>19,655</b>

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

<sup>2</sup> Kauai and Maui combined with Honolulu to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

**PAPAYA ACREAGE, STATE OF HAWAII, 2006 WITH COMPARISONS**

County	Total acreage in crop							
	March		June		September		December	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
Hawaii.....	2,265	1,850	2,355	1,575	2,100	1,965	2,070	
Honolulu/Kauai/Maui <sup>1</sup> .....	225	210	245	170	230	175	220	
State.....	2,490	2,060	2,600	1,745	2,330	2,140	2,290	
	Total bearing acres							
Hawaii.....	1,270	1,620	1,405	1,385	1,265	1,215	1,630	
Honolulu/Kauai/Maui <sup>1</sup> .....	165	155	175	125	180	120	150	
State.....	1,435	1,775	1,580	1,510	1,445	1,335	1,780	

<sup>1</sup> Kauai and Maui combined with Honolulu to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

**FRESH PAPAYA FARM PRICE, STATE OF HAWAII, 2005-2006**

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Average
	<i>Cents per pound</i>												
2005	33.0	37.4	40.0	37.6	37.0	37.2	36.2	36.5	34.3	33.2	37.1	36.9	36.4
2006 <sup>1</sup>	34.0	36.0	45.0	49.0	58.0	51.0	48.0	40.0	38.0				

<sup>1</sup> Preliminary.

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