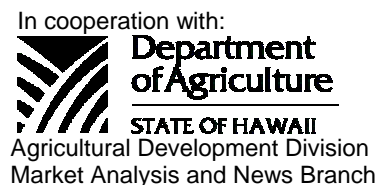




# HAWAII PAPAYAS



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## SEPTEMBER FRESH PAPAYAS DOWN 11 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

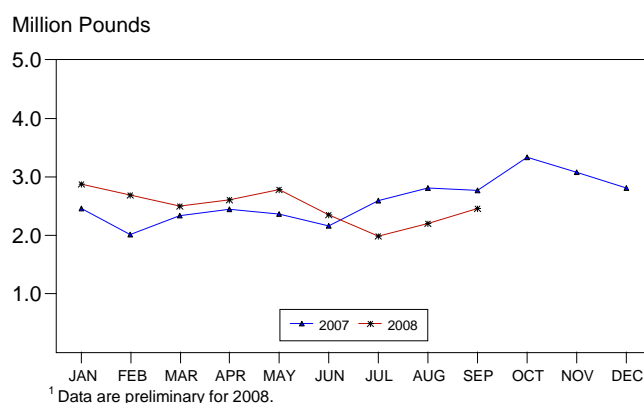
Hawaii fresh papaya utilization is estimated at 2.5 million pounds for September 2008, up 12 percent from August 2008, but down 11 percent from September a year ago. Sales for January to September of this year totaled 22.5 million pounds, 2 percent above the comparable period last year.

Total in crop acreage for September 2008 is estimated at 2,205, up 8 percent from June and 5 percent more than September 2007. Harvested area totaled 1,280 acres in September, decreasing 4 and 7 percent from June 2008 and September 2007, respectively.

Weather for September was mainly humid and sunny with scattered showers, heavy at times. Flowering was steady and fruit development improved slightly in some fields. Gaps in the fruit columns were becoming more evident after experiencing continuous dry weather. Regular spraying programs kept pests and weeds controlled. Crop condition was generally fair to good. Large fields were being processed for replanting.

Papaya growers are expected to receive an estimated 47.0 cents per pound for fresh fruit in September, 6 percent (3.0 cents) less than last month, but 27 percent (9.9 cents) more than September 2007.

## PAPAYA: Fresh Utilization, State of Hawaii, 2007-2008<sup>1</sup>



## FRESH PAPAYA UTILIZATION, STATE OF HAWAII, 2008 WITH COMPARISONS<sup>1</sup>

Month	Sales				Year ago	Year-to-date	
	Local <sup>2</sup>	Intrastate	Out-of-State	Total fresh		2007	2008
	<i>1,000 pounds</i>						
August	301	824	1,075	2,200	2,815	19,210	20,025
September	312	978	1,170	2,460	2,765	21,975	22,485

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary for 2008.

<sup>2</sup> On island of production.

**PAPAYA: Acreage in crop, by county, 2008 with comparisons <sup>1</sup>**

County	Total acreage in crop							
	March		June		September		December	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
Hawaii.....	1,895	1,820	1,710	1,840	1,905	2,020	1,865	
Honolulu/Kauai/Maui <sup>2</sup> .....	185	200	195	200	200	185	190	
State.....	2,080	2,020	1,905	2,040	2,105	2,205	2,055	
	Total bearing acres <sup>3</sup>							
Hawaii.....	1,175	1,300	1,075	1,200	1,240	1,150	1,135	
Honolulu/Kauai/Maui <sup>2</sup> .....	120	125	125	130	135	130	120	
State.....	1,295	1,425	1,200	1,330	1,375	1,280	1,255	

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary for 2008.

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

<sup>3</sup> Bearing acres where papayas were harvested.

**PAPAYA: Fresh farm price, by State, 2007-2008**

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Average
	<i>Cents per pound</i>												
2007	39.8	41.9	45.0	46.1	46.6	49.4	45.8	38.1	37.1	37.8	38.3	39.7	41.7
2008 <sup>1</sup>	41.0	43.0	50.0	51.0	53.0	51.0	52.0	50.0	47.0				

<sup>1</sup> Preliminary.

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