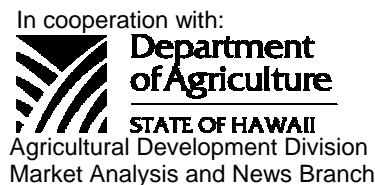




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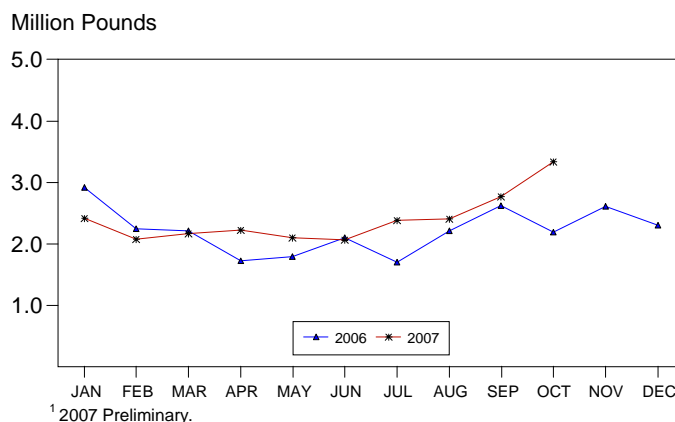
HIGHER OUTPUT IN OCTOBER

Hawaii fresh papaya utilization is estimated at 3.3 million pounds for October 2007, up 21 percent from September 2007 and 53 percent higher than October 2006. Output for the January to October was 10 percent above the comparable period in 2006.

October weather was beneficial for papaya orchard growth and development. Good seed germination was noticed in newly planted fields. Young orchards continued to make favorable progress. Mature trees had full fruit columns and harvesting was active. Growers were clearing old and abandon field areas for upcoming plantings. Spraying was stepped up in some areas to control weed, insects, and disease.

Papaya growers are expected to receive an estimated 37.0 cents per pound for fresh fruit in October, unchanged from last month, but 3 percent (1.1 cents) below a year ago.

PAPAYA: Fresh Utilization, State of Hawaii, 2006-2007¹



FRESH PAPAYA UTILIZATION, STATE OF HAWAII, 2007 WITH COMPARISONS¹

Month	Sales				Year ago	Year-to-date	
	Local ²	Intrastate	Out-of-State	Total fresh		2006	2007
	<i>1,000 pounds</i>						
September	287	1,368	1,110	2,765	2,615	19,510	20,585
October	274	1,476	1,590	3,340	2,185	21,695	23,925

¹ Data are preliminary for 2007.

² On island of production.

PAPAYA ACREAGE, STATE OF HAWAII, 2007 WITH COMPARISONS ¹

County	Total acreage in crop							
	March		June		September		December	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
Hawaii.....	1,850	1,750	1,575	1,540	1,965	1,905	2,170	
Honolulu/Kauai/Maui ²	220	185	170	195	175	200	180	
State.....	2,070	1,935	1,745	1,735	2,140	2,105	2,350	

Total harvested acres ³

Hawaii.....	1,620	750	1,385	675	1,205	1,240	1,025	
Honolulu/Kauai/Maui ²	165	120	125	125	120	135	110	
State.....	1,785	870	1,510	800	1,325	1,375	1,135	

¹ Data are preliminary for 2007. 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, 2006-2007

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Average
	<i>Cents per pound</i>												
2006	34.1	36.5	42.1	46.3	51.5	47.1	47.0	48.1	38.6	38.1	38.3	36.4	41.3
2007 ¹	38.0	41.0	47.0	48.0	49.0	52.0	47.0	40.0	37.0	37.0			

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