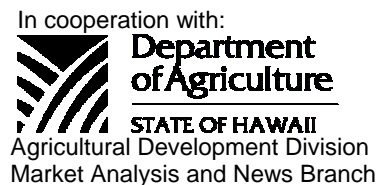




HAWAII PAPAYAS



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OCTOBER FRESH PAPAYA UP 21 PERCENT FROM LAST MONTH

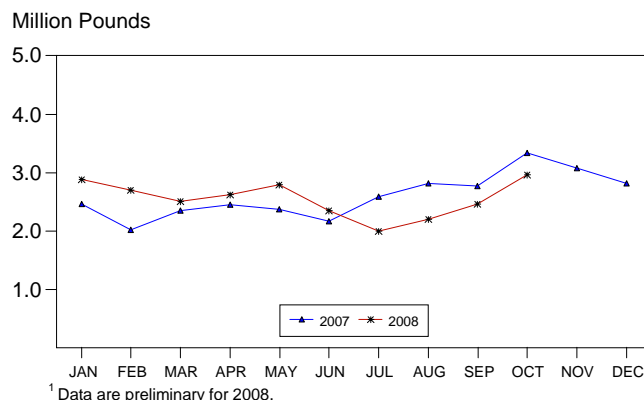
Hawaii fresh papaya utilization is estimated at 3.0 million pounds for October 2008, up 21 percent from September 2008, but down 11 percent from October a year ago. January to October sales totaled 25.5 million pounds, 1 percent above the comparable period a year ago.

Sunny days, variable showers, and some trade winds characterized October's weather. Heavy rains fell on parts of the State replenishing soil moisture levels but drought conditions and water conservation measures were still in existence.

Orchards depending on natural rainfall experienced slower growth and fruit development. Dry conditions allowed farmers to keep up with normal spraying schedules. Large tracts were being cleared for future plantings.

Papaya growers are expected to receive an estimated 43.0 cents per pound for fresh fruit in October, 9 percent (4.0 cents) less than last month, but 14 percent (5.2 cents) more than October 2007.

**PAPAYA: Fresh Utilization,
State of Hawaii, 2007-2008¹**



FRESH PAPAYA UTILIZATION, STATE OF HAWAII, 2008 WITH COMPARISONS¹

Month	Sales				Year ago	Year-to-date	
	Local ²	Intrastate	Out-of-State	Total fresh		2007	2008
	<i>1,000 pounds</i>						
September	312	978	1,170	2,460	2,765	21,975	22,485
October	304	1,291	1,370	2,965	3,340	25,315	25,450

¹ Data are preliminary for 2008.

² On island of production.

PAPAYA: Acreage in crop, by county, 2008 with comparisons ¹

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 ²	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 ³								
Hawaii.....	1,175	1,300	1,075	1,200	1,240	1,150	1,135	
Honolulu/Kauai/Maui ²	120	125	125	130	135	130	120	
State.....	1,295	1,425	1,200	1,330	1,375	1,280	1,255	

¹ Data are preliminary for 2008.

² Kauai and Maui combined with Honolulu to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

³ 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 ¹	41.0	43.0	50.0	51.0	53.0	51.0	52.0	50.0	47.0	43.0			

¹ Preliminary.

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