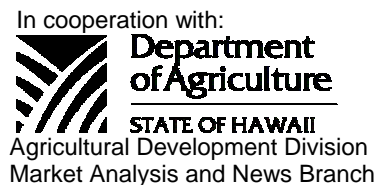




# HAWAII PAPAYAS



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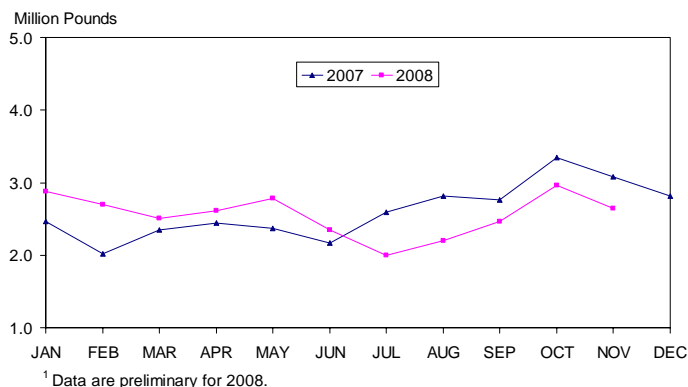
## NOVEMBER FRESH PAPAYA LOWER THAN YEAR AGO

Hawaii fresh papaya utilization is estimated at 2.6 million pounds for November 2008, down 11 percent from October 2008 and 14 percent lower than November a year ago. Output for January to November 2008 totaled 28.1 million pounds down 1 percent from the same period last year.

Weather for November was mainly dry with some period of heavy showers to help replenish soil moisture levels. Orchards experiencing prolonged dry weather had gaps in the fruit columns. Young orchards made steady progress. Regular spraying programs kept weeds and insects under control. Although production was good for some growers, the poor economic conditions were hampering sales, resulting in fruits being not sold. The high cost of inputs remains a concern for growers.

Papaya growers are expected to receive an estimated 39.0 cents per pound for fresh fruit in November, 9 percent (4.0 cents) less than last month, but 2 percent (0.7 cent) more than November 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> |            |              |             |          |              |        |
| October  | 304                 | 1,291      | 1,370        | 2,965       | 3,340    | 25,315       | 25,450 |
| November | 265                 | 1,130      | 1,250        | 2,645       | 3,075    | 28,390       | 28,095 |

<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 | 43.0 | 39.0 |      |         |

<sup>1</sup> Preliminary.

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