

HAWAII PAPAYAS



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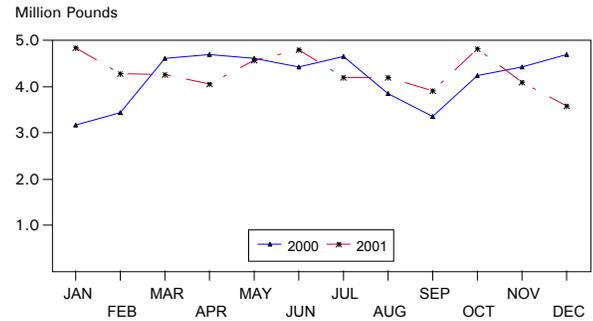
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DECEMBER FRESH OUTPUT LOWER

Hawaii Fresh papaya production is estimated at 3.6 million pounds for December 2001, 13 percent lower than last month and 24 percent less than December 2000.

Weather conditions during December were variable. Windy conditions during the beginning of December were followed by a mid-month winter storm which brought heavy rains to papaya producing areas. Fungal diseases were noticeable with wetter conditions. Drier conditions returned in the later part of the month.

FRESH PAPAYA UTILIZATION STATE OF HAWAII, 2000-2001¹



¹2001 Preliminary.

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Area in crop total 2,575 acres in December 2001. This was 4 percent less than September 2001 and a year ago. Harvested area at 1,835 acres was 5 percent lower than September and 2 percent less than a year ago.

Papaya growers are expected to receive an estimated 26.0 cents per pound for fresh fruit in December, 4 percent higher (1.0 cents) than last month, and 24 percent higher (5.0 cents) than last year.

FRESH PAPAYA UTILIZATION, STATE OF HAWAII, MONTH OF: December 2001

Island	Sales				Year ago	Year-to-date	
	Local ¹	Intrastate	Out-of-State	Total fresh		2000	2001
	<i>1,000 pounds</i>						
Hawaii.....	214	1,196	1,515	2,925	3,665	33,950	40,305
Kauai.....	56	24	20	100	145	3,945	1,695
Maui/Molokai/Oahu ²	530	0	20	550	900	12,355	10,000
State.....	800	1,220	1,555	3,575	4,710	50,250	52,000

¹ On island of production.

² Combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

PAPAYA ACREAGE, STATE OF HAWAII, 2001 WITH COMPARISONS

Island	Total acreage in crop							
	March		June		September		December	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
Hawaii.....	2,100	2,270	1,600	3,000	2,050	2,360	2,040	2,275
Kauai.....	325	120	340	105	235	75	185	80
Maui/Molokai/Oahu.....	665	470	645	430	470	255	470	220
State.....	3,090	2,860	2,585	3,535	2,755	2,690	2,695	2,575
	Total bearing acres							
Hawaii.....	1,010	1,660	950	1,670	1,300	1,675	1,495	1,625
Kauai.....	185	85	200	80	160	50	125	60
Maui/Molokai/Oahu.....	460	280	435	285	265	200	255	150
State.....	1,655	2,025	1,585	2,035	1,725	1,925	1,875	1,835

FRESH PAPAYA FARM PRICE, STATE OF HAWAII, 2000-2001

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Average
	<i>Cents per pound</i>												
2000	44.9	44.8	38.8	39.6	26.7	25.7	36.3	34.5	30.2	22.7	21.0	21.0	31.6
2001 ¹	21.0	28.0	32.0	37.0	35.0	32.0	33.0	30.0	27.0	25.0	25.0	26.0	

¹Preliminary.