

HAWAII PAPAYAS



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DECEMBER UTILIZATION ESTIMATED AT 3.05 MILLION POUNDS

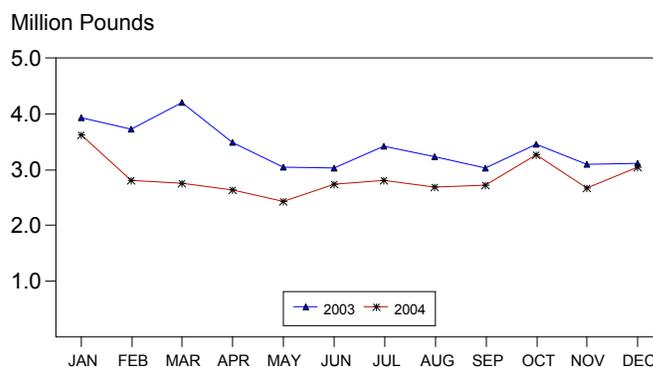
Hawaii fresh papaya utilization is estimated at 3.05 million pounds for December 2004, 14 percent higher than last month, but 2 percent lower than a year ago.

Area in crop totaled 2,230 acres in December, 6 percent higher than September, and 1 percent more than a year ago. Harvested area totaled 1,395 acres, up 2 percent from September, and 3 percent more than a year ago.

Weather conditions were variable during December with a mix of showers and sunny periods. Cooler temperatures and shorter day length have slowed crop progress. Soil moisture has been adequate in non-irrigated orchards.

Papaya growers are expected to receive an estimated 30.0 cents per pound for fresh fruit in December, down 9 percent (3.0 cents) from November, and 3 percent (0.8 cents) lower than a year ago.

FRESH PAPAYA UTILIZATION STATE OF HAWAII, 2003-2004¹



¹ 2004 Preliminary.

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FRESH PAPAYA UTILIZATION, STATE OF HAWAII, MONTH OF: December 2004

Island	Sales				Year ago	Year-to-date	
	Local ¹	Intrastate	Out-of-State	Total fresh		2003	2004
	<i>1,000 pounds</i>						
Hawaii.....	124	1,456	1,170	2,750	2,695	35,735	30,250
Kauai.....	26	4	0	30	50	640	540
Maui/Molokai/Oahu ²	194	6	70	270	370	4,425	3,415
State.....	344	1,466	1,240	3,050	3,115	40,800	34,205

¹ On island of production.

² Combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

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PAPAYA ACREAGE, STATE OF HAWAII, 2004 WITH COMPARISONS

Island	Total acreage in crop							
	March		June		September		December	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004 ¹	2003	2004
Hawaii.....	2,005	1,900	1,915	1,800	2,155	1,920	1,990	2,050
Kauai.....	60	50	65	40	45	40	50	40
Maui/Molokai/Oahu.....	195	160	190	160	170	150	170	140
State.....	2,260	2,110	2,170	2,000	2,370	2,110	2,210	2,230
	Total bearing acres							
Hawaii.....	1,375	1,000	1,430	900	1,420	1,220	1,195	1,250
Kauai.....	40	40	40	30	30	25	35	25
Maui/Molokai/Oahu.....	100	125	105	125	115	125	120	120
State.....	1,515	1,165	1,575	1,055	1,565	1,370	1,350	1,395

¹ Revised.

FRESH PAPAYA FARM PRICE, STATE OF HAWAII, 2003-2004

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Average
	<i>Cents per pound</i>												
2003	30.7	32.6	32.8	34.1	33.8	35.0	31.8	30.1	31.1	31.6	29.6	30.8	32.0
2004 ¹	30.0	31.0	39.0	45.0	53.0	37.0	41.0	37.0	37.0	35.0	33.0	30.0	

¹ Preliminary.