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HAWAII PAPAYAS

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2005 FRESH PAPAYA TRAILS 2004

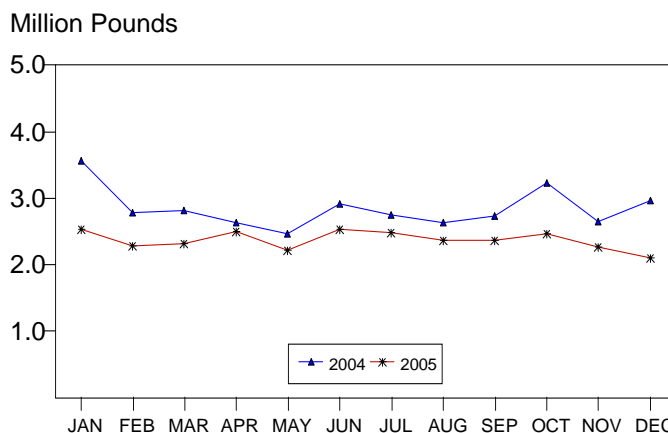
Monthly Hawaii fresh papaya utilization for 2005 trailed the comparable period in 2004, ending 17 percent lower. December output at 2.1 million pounds was down 7 percent from November 2005 and 29 percent below December 2004.

Total in crop acreage is estimated at 2,290 for December, 4 percent lower than September, but 3 percent higher than December 2004. Harvested area totaled 1,780 acres, 22 percent above September and up 27 percent from December 2004.

Weather for December was mainly dry, affecting flowering and fruit development. December's lower output was a reflection of a dry summer. Large areas are being cleared for replanting in the Puna district of Hawaii island. Growers actively sprayed orchards to keep Papaya Ringspot Virus controlled. Fungal diseases were reduced with drier weather and continued spraying routines. A heavier harvest is expected for January.

Papaya growers are expected to receive an estimated 38.0 cents per pound for fresh fruit in December, 6 percent (2.0 cents) more than last month and up 14 percent (4.6 cents) more than December 2004.

PAPAYA: Fresh Utilization, State of Hawaii, 2004-2005



¹ 2005 Preliminary.

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FRESH PAPAYA UTILIZATION, STATE OF HAWAII, MONTH OF: December 2005

Island	Sales				Year ago	Year-to-date	
	Local ¹	Intrastate	Out-of-State	Total fresh		2004	2005
	<i>1,000 pounds</i>						
Hawaii.....	101	1,039	700	1,840	2,655	29,995	24,790
Kauai.....	30	0	0	30	30	540	460
Maui/Molokai/Oahu ²	161	4	70	235	275	3,565	3,200
State.....	292	1,043	770	2,105	2,960	34,100	28,450

¹ On island of production.

² Combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

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PAPAYA ACREAGE, STATE OF HAWAII, 2005 WITH COMPARISONS

Island	Total acreage in crop							
	March		June		September		December	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2,005
Hawaii.....	1,900	2,265	1,800	2,355	1,920	2,200	2,050	2,070
Kauai.....	50	35	40	40	40	30	40	30
Maui/Molokai/Oahu.....	160	190	160	205	150	150	140	190
State.....	2,110	2,490	2,000	2,600	2,110	2,380	2,230	2,290

Total bearing acres								
Hawaii.....	1,000	1,270	900	1,405	1,220	1,325	1,245	1,630
Kauai.....	35	25	30	30	25	25	25	20
Maui/Molokai/Oahu.....	125	140	125	145	125	105	130	130
State.....	1,160	1,435	1,055	1,580	1,370	1,455	1,400	1,780

FRESH PAPAYA FARM PRICE, STATE OF HAWAII, 2004-2005

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Average
	<i>Cents per pound</i>												
2004	31.0	31.2	37.4	40.0	41.0	39.5	37.2	36.6	37.2	35.8	34.3	33.4	36.1
2005 ¹	31.0	37.0	40.0	42.0	44.0	37.0	37.0	36.0	35.0	32.0	36.0	38.0	

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