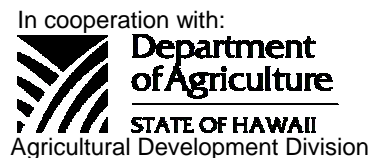




HAWAII PAPAYAS



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DECEMBER AND YEAR 2006 ENDS WITH A SMALLER PAPAYA HARVEST

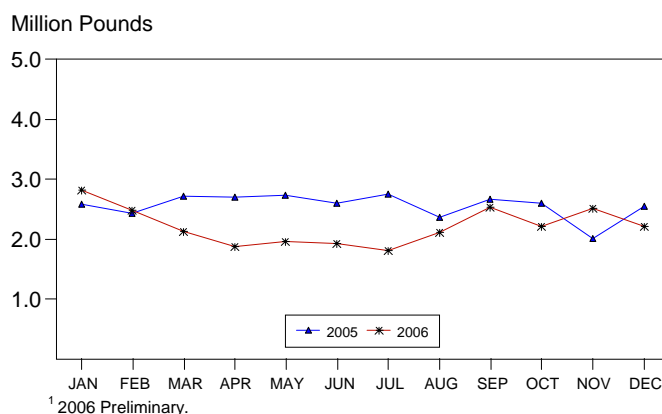
Hawaii fresh papaya utilization is estimated at 2.2 million pounds for December 2006, down 12 percent from November 2006 and 13 percent below December 2005. Cumulative sales for 2006 totaled 26.6 million pounds, declining 13 percent from 2005.

Total in crop acreage for December 2006 is estimated at 2,350, up 3 percent from December 2005. Harvested area totaled 1,135 acres in December, 36 percent lower than December 2005.

In December, orchards received sunny skies with some cooler temperatures. Mostly dry conditions prevailed with the exception of heavy rains at the beginning of the month. Mature trees had full fruit columns and heavy flowering. Production is expected to increase or remain steady for January 2007. Young trees made good progress during the month with some in the flowering stage of development.

Papaya growers are expected to receive an estimated 34.0 cents per pound for fresh fruit in December 2006, down 8 percent (3.0 cents) from November 2006 and 8 percent (2.9 cents) down from December 2005.

PAPAYA: Fresh Utilization, State of Hawaii, 2005-2006 ¹



FRESH PAPAYA UTILIZATION, STATE OF HAWAII, MONTH OF: December 2006

County	Sales				Year ago	Year-to-date	
	Local ¹	Intrastate	Out-of-State	Total fresh		2005	2006
	<i>1,000 pounds</i>						
Hawaii.....	82	1,308	650	2,040	2,270	26,910	24,155
Honolulu/Kauai/Maui ²	105	5	70	180	280	3,790	2,460
State.....	187	1,313	720	2,220	2,550	30,700	26,615

¹ On island of production.

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

PAPAYA ACREAGE, STATE OF HAWAII, 2006 WITH COMPARISONS

County	Total acreage in crop							
	March		June		September		December	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
Hawaii.....	2,265	1,850	2,355	1,575	2,100	1,965	2,070	2,170
Honolulu/Kauai/Maui ¹	225	210	245	170	230	175	220	180
State.....	2,490	2,060	2,600	1,745	2,330	2,140	2,290	2,350

Total bearing acres								
Hawaii.....	1,270	1,620	1,405	1,385	1,265	1,215	1,630	1,025
Honolulu/Kauai/Maui ¹	165	155	175	125	180	120	150	110
State.....	1,435	1,775	1,580	1,510	1,445	1,335	1,780	1,135

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FRESH PAPAYA FARM PRICE, STATE OF HAWAII, 2005-2006

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Average
	<i>Cents per pound</i>												
2005	33.0	37.4	40.0	37.6	37.0	37.2	36.2	36.5	34.3	33.2	37.1	36.9	36.4
2006 ¹	34.0	36.0	45.0	49.0	58.0	51.0	48.0	40.0	38.0	38.0	37.0	34.0	

¹ Preliminary.

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