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Hawaii Taro Millings

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Taro for poi production 28 percent higher

The USDA, NASS, Hawaii Field Office estimates taro for poi production at 1.3 million pounds during the third quarter of 2008. This was 28 percent more than the second quarter of 2008 and the third quarter of 2007.

Taro for poi millings increased 33 percent to 425,000 pounds in July compared with June 2008. Taro millers then used 445,000 pounds of taro in August, an increase of 5 percent from July. The amount of taro used for poi milling then decreased 15 percent in September to 380,000 pounds.

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Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Мау	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
	1,000 Pounds												
5-year average ¹	366	347	359	318	324	330	367	390	387	423	399	430	4,440
2007 ²	340	320	300	265	280	280	320	325	335	420	345	370	3,900
2008	330	290	320	335	320	320	425	445	380				
Percent changes:	Percent												
2008/5-year 2008/2007	90 97	84 91	89 106	105 126	99 114	97 114	116 133	114 137	98 113				

Monthly Taro for Poi Millings, State of Hawaii, 5-year average, 2007, and 2008.

¹ Years: 2003-2007.

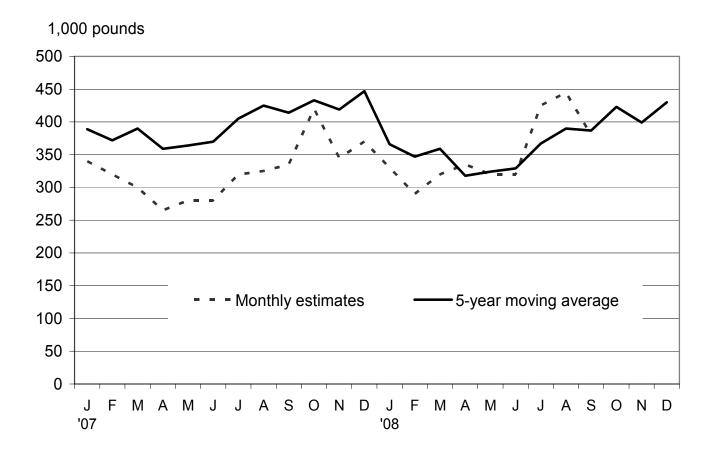
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Monthly Taro for Poi Millings State of Hawaii: 2007, 2008, and 5-year averages