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# Hawaii Taro Millings

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## Taro for poi production begins 2007 below year ago

The USDA, NASS, Hawaii Field Office estimates taro for poi production at 955,000 pounds for the first quarter of 2007. This was 14 percent below the first quarter of a year ago and 20 percent lower than the fourth quarter of 2006.

Taro millers used 335,000 pounds of taro in January, a 15-percent decrease from December 2006. Taro for poi millings then dipped 4 percent to 320,000 pounds in February. The amount of taro used for poi milling then decreased 7 percent in March to 300,000 pounds. Part of this decrease could be attributed to the detrimental weather during March 2006.

Weather conditions, during the first quarter of 2007, were mixed. Conditions were mostly dry, with intermittent moderate to heavy

rainfall. Each month in the quarter encountered some unstable weather conditions which produced some heavy rains and/or flash flooding. No damages were reported, with dry conditions prevailing throughout much of the quarter. Multiple systems passed through the State during January producing light to moderate rainfall. Heavy rains and flooding occurred early in the month over Kauai and Oahu. February was a much drier month, with heavy showers and thunderstorms occurring during the later part of the month, mainly over the eastern sides of the State. This produced some flash flooding on every island, especially Kauai. March was generally a dry month, except for the period during mid-month, when the State experienced moderate to heavy showers from several passing systems. ■

Monthly Taro for Poi Millings, State of Hawaii, 5-year average, 2006, and 2007.

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>												
5-year average <sup>1</sup> .....	389	372	390	359	364	370	405	425	415	434	419	447	5,110
2006 .....	380	365	365	300	355	315	350	395	385	405	390	395	4,479
<b>2007</b> .....	<b>335</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>300</b>										
<u>Percent changes:</u>	<i>Percent</i>												
2007/5-year .....	86	86	77										
2007/2006.....	88	88	82										

<sup>1</sup> Years: 2002-2006.

<sup>2</sup> Revised.

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## Monthly Taro for Poi Millings State of Hawaii: 2006, 2007, and 5-year averages

