



USDA, NASS, Hawaii Field Office

In cooperation with:



Department of Agriculture

STATE OF HAWAII

Agricultural Development Division

Hawaii

Taro Millings

October 19, 2006

Taro for poi production continue above year ago

The USDA, NASS, Hawaii Field Office estimates taro for poi production at 1.2 million pounds for the third quarter of 2006, an increase of 7 percent from the third quarter of a year ago and 17 percent above the second quarter of 2006.

The third quarter of 2006 began with two consecutive months of increases in taro for poi millings. In July 2006, taro millers used 365,000 pounds of taro, 14 percent more than in June 2006. Taro for poi millings increased 10 percent in August to 400,000 pounds. Taro for poi milling then decreased 3 percent in September to 390,000

pounds.

Weather conditions, during the third quarter of 2006, were generally favorable. Moderate trade winds at the beginning of the quarter became lighter by the end of the quarter. Precipitation during July was generally below normal, except for some increased rainfall activities which resulted from a few unstable weather conditions. Weather on the island of Kauai was a little more unstable, during early August, as a couple of systems produced heavy showers and thunderstorms. Flash flooding occurred on Hanalei River, but no damages were reported. All of the other islands were drier. Weather for September was mixed, but generally favorable for taro.■

Monthly Taro for Poi Millings, State of Hawaii, 5-year average, 2005, and 2006.

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>												
5-year average ¹	418	399	422	391	398	408	436	453	441	452	429	462	5,110
2005	335	330	355	290	290	305	320	395	360	400	385	435	4,200
2006 ²	390	370	375	310	360	320	365	400	390				
	<i>Percent</i>												
<u>Percent changes:</u>													
2006/5-year	93	93	89	79	90	78	84	88	88				
2006/2005.....	116	112	106	107	124	105	114	101	108				

¹ Years: 2001-2005.

² Revised.

Mark E. Hudson, Director
Steve Gunn, Deputy Director

Nils Morita, Research Statistician

Monthly Taro for Poi Millings State of Hawaii: 2005, 2006, and 5-year averages

