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Farm Value Higher for Selected Crops

Cumulative information for vegetables and melons were modified for the 2008 year because of confidentiality concerns. The following comments and data comparison will be only for the 19 selected crops published on the following page.

The farm value for 19 of Hawaii's selected vegetables and melons is estimated at \$23.9 million in 2008, up 5 percent from the 2007 level for the same 19 crops. Cumulative production for these 19 selected vegetables and melons was 41.5 million pounds, down 4 percent from 2007.

Drought conditions affected the State during 2008, as every county had at least one location with some level of voluntary or mandatory water use conservation measure in place. Despite brief interludes of heavy rainfall, the drought adversely affected the agriculture sector. The ongoing drought prompted the U.S. Department of Agriculture to declare the State of Hawaii a primary disaster area on August 1, 2008 for agriculture interest.

The top five volume-producing published crops during 2008 were unchanged from a year earlier. Head cabbage with 9.4 million pounds, was 10 percent below last year's production. Sweet potatoes were estimated at a record-high production of 8.1 million pounds, up 14 percent from 2007, the previous high. Chinese cabbage was down 11 percent to 5.6 million pounds from a year ago. Cucumbers and sweet corn production for 2008 decreased 4 and 8 percent from 2007 to 4.8 million pounds and 2.2 million pounds, respectively.

Due to confidentiality and disclosure reasons, we are not able to publish information concerning other vegetable and melons. ■

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Vegetable and Melon Statistics

Vegetables and Melons: Acreage, Production, and Farm Value, State of Hawaii, 2007 and 2008 ^{1/}

Name of Commodity	Harvested Acreage ^{2/}		Production		Farm Value	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	----- acres -----		----- 1,000 pounds ----		----- \$1,000 -----	
Beans, snap	130	120	700	700	721	749
Bittermelon	20	20	150	150	123	126
Broccoli	80	80	390	360	363	349
Cabbage, Chinese	270	220	6,300	5,600	1,890	1,960
Cabbage, head	440	410	10,400	9,400	3,016	2,820
Cabbage, mustard	105	95	1,400	1,300	882	910
Celery	25	20	510	360	224	137
Corn, sweet	450	400	2,400	2,200	1,488	1,232
Cucumbers	310	310	5,000	4,800	2,500	2,736
Eggplant	50	50	760	900	699	910
Lettuce ^{3/}	100	90	1,000	1,000	710	750
Onions, dry	160	160	1,400	1,400	1,680	1,610
Onions, green	135	125	1,400	1,600	1,596	1,984
Potatoes, sweet	420	470	7,100	8,100	3,621	4,780
Pumpkins	40	30	470	90	244	59
Romaine	100	90	1,200	1,000	804	590
Squash, Italian	180	170	1,200	1,480	804	888
Squash, oriental	40	40	500	350	220	217
Watercress	35	35	770	750	1,179	1,125
Total	3,090	2,935	43,050	41,540	22,764	23,932

^{1/} Only selected crops are shown separately. Beginning 2007, non-published vegetables and melons not shown separately to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

^{2/} Vegetables and melons: Acreage harvested; e.g. 1 acre planted and harvested 3 times during the year equals 3 harvested acres.

^{3/} Includes head and semi-head (Manoa) lettuce.