

Fruits: 2008 Hawaii Fruit Production and Value Down



Hawaii fruit growers harvested 58.5 million pounds of fruit, excluding pineapple, for fresh and processed utilization in 2008. This was a 13 percent decrease when compared to the 2007 total. Overall value, excluding pineapple, fell 5 percent to \$29.2 million due to a decline in the major fruits. In 2008, fruit acreage, excluding pineapple, totaled 5,918 acres, 9 percent less than the 2007 total. Harvested area, excluding pineapple, was down 4 percent to 4,195 acres.

In 2008, the in crop acreage for avocado increased 3 percent to 400 acres but bearing acreage decreased 6 percent to 330 acres when compared to last year. Production totaled 1.0 million pounds, falling 14 percent from 2007. Despite a higher farm price, the lower output dropped value of sales to \$730 thousand, 7 percent lower than last year.

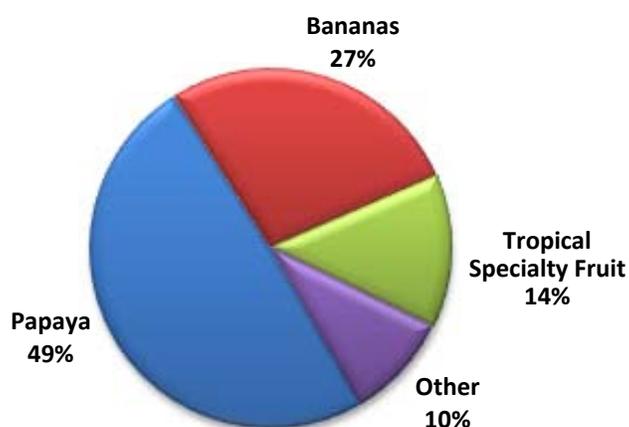
Banana acreage decreased 13 and 15 percent from 2007 with 1,300 total acres and 1,100 harvested acres, respectively. Utilized production was estimated at 17.4 million pounds, 32 percent below 2007. Weather for 2008 was mixed for banana production. A smaller harvest contributed to the 24 percent drop in value from the previous year to \$8.0 million in 2008.

Processed guava production fell 19 percent from 2007 to 3.5 million pounds in 2008. Total acreage declined 61 percent to 180 acres and harvested acreage dropped 6 percent to 160 acres. Large acreage on Kauai was taken out of production, following a closure of a processing facility at the end of 2006. The value of sales fell 18 percent from 2007 to \$553 thousand in 2008.

The State’s papaya growers devoted 2,190 acres toward papaya production, increasing 6 percent from 2007. Harvested area totaled 1,380 acres, up 5 percent from the previous year. Papaya output was slightly higher at 33.5 million pounds and the value of sales totaled \$14.4 million, 10 percent above 2007.

Area devoted to tropical specialty fruit totaled 1,480 acres in 2008, 1 percent above 2007. Area harvested totaled 970 acres unchanged from the previous year. Tropical specialty fruit growers produced and sold an estimated 2.1 million pounds of fruit in 2008, 10 percent lower than 2007. In 2008, longan, lychee, and persimmon had higher outputs than the previous year. Value of sales was pegged at \$4.0 million in 2008, down 11 percent from 2007. ■

FRUITS: Percent of Total Sales State of Hawaii, 2008 ¹



¹ Excludes pineapple

**FRUITS: Number of farms, acreage, yield, production, price and value,
State of Hawaii, 2004-2008**

Year	Farms ¹	Acreage		Yield ²	Utilized production	Farm price	Value of sales
		In crop	Harvested				
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Acres</i>		<i>1,000 pounds</i>		<i>Cents per pound</i>	<i>\$1,000</i>
Avocado							
2004	150	380	270	2.7	740	63.0	466
2005	175	390	300	2.7	800	66.0	528
2006	³ 225	380	330	3.1	1,020	68.0	694
2007	250	390	350	3.3	1,160	68.0	789
2008	250	400	330	3.0	1,000	73.0	730
Banana							
2004	210	1,360	1,000	16.5	16,500	49.0	8,085
2005	190	1,145	980	21.3	20,900	43.9	9,175
2006	³ 230	1,300	1,100	20.0	22,000	49.0	10,780
2007	240	1,500	1,300	19.7	25,600	41.0	10,496
2008	230	1,300	1,100	15.8	17,400	46.0	8,004
Grapefruit ⁴							
2004							
2005	80	22	16	2.4	40	68.0	27
2006	85	25	15	3.3	50	68.0	34
2007	105	25	15	2.0	30	63.0	19
2008	110	20	15	3.0	45	78.0	36
Guava							
2004	75	610	525	15.4	8,100	14.4	1,166
2005	55	665	620	13.1	8,100	13.9	1,126
2006	50	575	365	20.3	7,400	14.2	1,051
2007	70	465	170	25.3	4,300	15.7	675
2008	60	180	160	21.9	3,500	15.8	553
Lemon ⁴							
2004							
2005	105	38	28	1.9	54	75.0	40
2006	110	35	20	2.3	45	80.0	36
2007	110	35	20	1.7	33	91.0	30
2008	135	40	25	2.2	55	94.0	52
Lime ⁴							
2004							
2005	109	48	34	1.7	59	85.0	50
2006	130	55	40	3.0	121	87.0	105
2007	130	45	35	2.0	69	96.0	66
2008	144	47	35	2.2	76	87.0	66

See footnotes at end of table.

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Papaya							
2004	207	2,105	1,265	28.3	35,800	34.5	12,361
2005	207	2,395	1,480	22.2	32,900	34.2	11,241
2006	170	2,095	1,530	18.8	28,700	38.5	11,049
2007	178	2,065	1,310	25.5	33,400	39.2	13,094
2008	177	2,190	1,380	24.3	33,500	43.0	14,393
Pineapple							
2004	30	13,000			440,000	18.9	83,104
2005	30	14,000			424,000	18.7	79,288
2006	30	12,600			370,000	19.9	73,652
2007 ⁵							
2008 ⁵							
Tangerine ⁴							
2004							
2005	93	38	18	2.8	51	53.0	27
2006	110	35	20	4.3	85	57.0	48
2007	140	40	20	4.5	89	79.0	70
2008	135	35	23	4.3	98	80.0	79
Tropical Specialty Fruit							
2004	220	1,220	640		1,041		1,945
2005	265	1,270	730		1,456		2,730
2006	305	1,380	810		1,430		2,625
2007	310	1,470	970		2,280		4,485
2008	320	1,480	970		2,050		3,992
Other Fruits							
2004		350	108		519		517
2005		219	134		515		803
2006		200	130		504		797
2007		502	175		634		868
2008		226	157		775		1,253
Total							
2004		19,025	3,808		502,700		107,637
2005		20,230	4,340		488,875		105,035
2006		18,680	4,360		431,355		100,871
2007 ⁵		6,537	4,365		67,595		30,592
2008 ⁵		5,918	4,195		58,499		29,158

¹ Total is unduplicated count. ² Utilized production divided by harvested acres. ³ Revised. ⁴ Prior to 2005, included in Total. ⁵ Beginning 2007, pineapple excluded to avoid disclosure of individual operations.