HAWAII PAPAYAS





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JANUARY FRESH UTILIZATION LOWER

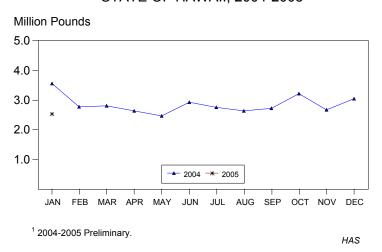
Hawaii fresh papaya utilization is estimated at 2.54 million pounds for January, 17 percent lower than last month and 29 percent less than a year ago.

Weather conditions were variable during January with a mix of showers and sunny periods. Soil moisture in non-irrigated orchards has been irregular with rain at the beginning of the month, followed by two weeks of little to no rainfall. The lack of rain towards the end of the month contributed to slowing fruit maturity and January's lower yield and production.

Papaya growers are expected to receive an estimated 31.0 cents per pound for fresh fruit in

January, 3 percent (1.0 cent) more than last month and a year ago.

FRESH PAPAYA UTILIZATION STATE OF HAWAII, 2004-2005¹



FRESH PAPAYA UTILIZATION, STATE OF HAWAII, MONTH OF: January 2005

Island			Sales	Veenene	Year-to-date						
	Local ¹	Intrastate	Out-of-State	Total fresh	Year ago	2004	2005				
	1,000 pounds										
Hawaii	123	1,222	925	2,270	3,140	3,140	2,270				
Kauai	30	0	0	30	35	35	30				
Maui/Molokai/Oahu ²	167	3	70	240	385	385	240				
State	320	1,225	995	2,540	3,560	3,560	2,540				

¹On island of production.

²Combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

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PAPAYA ACREAGE, STATE OF HAWAII, 2004 WITH COMPARISONS

				Total acrea	age in crop		December 1 2003 2004									
Island	Ma	rch	Ju	ne	Septe	ember	December									
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004 ¹	2003	2004								
Hawaii	2,005	1,900	1,915	1,800	2,155	1,920	1,990	2,050								
Kauai	60	50	65	40	45	40	50	40								
Maui/Molokai/Oahu	195	160	190	160	170	150	170	140								
State	2,260	2,110	2,170	2,000	2,370	2,110	2,210	2,230								
	Total bearing acres															
Hawaii	1,375	1,000	1,430	900	1,420	1,220	1,195	1,250								
Kauai	40	40	40	30	30	25	35	25								
Maui/Molokai/Oahu	100	125	105	125	115	125	120	120								
State	1,515	1,165	1,575	1,055	1,565	1,370	1,350	1,395								

¹Revised.

FRESH PAPAYA FARM PRICE, STATE OF HAWAII, 2004-2005

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Average
	Cents per pound												
2004 ¹	30.0	31.0	39.0	45.0	53.0	37.0	41.0	37.0	37.0	35.0	33.0	30.0	
2005 ¹	31.0												

¹ Preliminary.