HAWAII PAPAYAS





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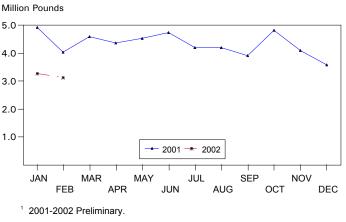
FEBRUARY FRESH OUTPUT 5 PERCENT LOWER

Hawaii Fresh papaya production is estimated at 3.14 million pounds for February 2002, 5 percent less than last month and 22 percent lower than a year ago. Year-to-date fresh output trails the same 2-month period of 2001 by 28 percent.

Weather conditions for February were variable with sunshine and sometimes heavy rain. Cool temperatures have slowed fruit maturation.

Papaya growers are expected to receive an estimated 35.0 cents per pound for fresh fruit in February, 3 percent (1.0 cent) higher than last month, and 25 percent (7.0 cents) higher than a year ago.

FRESH PAPAYA UTILIZATION STATE OF HAWAII, 2001-2002



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FRESH PAPAYA UTILIZATION, STATE OF HAWAII, MONTH OF: February 2002

Island			Sales	Voor ogo	Year-to-date						
	Local ¹	Intrastate	Out-of-State	Total fresh	Year ago	2001	2002				
	1,000 pounds										
Hawaii	179	916	1,400	2,495	2,960	6,825	5,135				
Kauai	24	56	10	90	180	345	185				
Maui/Molokai/Oahu ²	526	4	20	550	900	1,800	1,100				
State	729	976	1,430	3,135	4,040	8,970	6,420				

¹On island of production.

²Combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

PAPAYA ACREAGE, STATE OF HAWAII, 2001 WITH COMPARISONS

				Total acrea	age in crop							
Island	Ma	rch	Ju	ine	Septe	mber	December					
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001				
Hawaii	2,100	2,270	1,600	3,000	2,050	2,360	2,040	2,275				
Kauai	325	120	340	105	235	75	185	80				
Maui/Molokai/Oahu	665	470	645	430	470	255	470	220				
State	3,090	2,860	2,585	3,535	2,755	2,690	2,695	2,575				
	Total bearing acres											
Hawaii	1,010	1,660	950	1,670	1,300	1,675	1,495	1,625				
Kauai	185	85	200	80	160	50	125	60				
Maui/Molokai/Oahu	460	280	435	285	265	200	255	150				
State	1,655	2,025	1,585	2,035	1,725	1,925	1,875	1,835				

FRESH PAPAYA FARM PRICE, STATE OF HAWAII, 2001-2002

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Average
	Cents per pound												
2001 ¹	21.0	28.0	32.0	37.0	35.0	32.0	33.0	30.0	27.0	25.0	25.0	26.0	
2002 ¹	34.0	35.0											

¹ Preliminary.