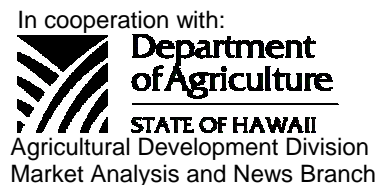




HAWAII PAPAYAS



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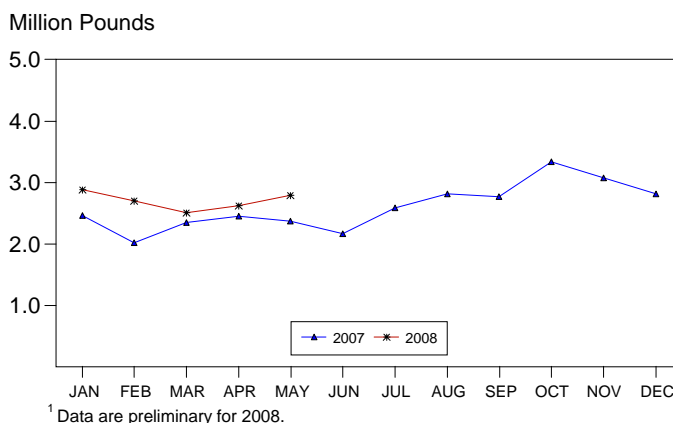
MORE FRESH PAPAYAS IN MAY

Hawaii fresh papaya utilization is estimated at 2.8 million pounds for May 2008, up 7 percent from April 2008 and 18 percent more than May 2007. Output for the first five months of 2008 is estimated at 13.5 million pounds, 16 percent more than the comparable period last year.

Warm and sunny weather continued into May. More rainfall would benefit orchards in drier areas since fields were showing signs of dryness due to low soil moisture. Some areas of the State were experiencing drought conditions. Some growers were in the process of preparing fields for planting. However, schedules have been delayed with less seed availability. Insect and weed control were stepped up under the current climate.

Hawaii fresh papaya farm price for May is estimated at 53.0 cents per pound, up 4 percent (2.0 cents) from last month and 14 percent (6.4 cents) more than a year ago.

PAPAYA: Fresh Utilization, State of Hawaii, 2007-2008¹



FRESH PAPAYA UTILIZATION, STATE OF HAWAII, 2008 WITH COMPARISONS¹

Month	Sales				Year ago	Year-to-date	
	Local ²	Intrastate	Out-of-State	Total fresh		2007	2008
	<i>1,000 pounds</i>						
April	219	1,221	1,175	2,615	2,445	9,270	10,695
May	237	1,223	1,325	2,785	2,365	11,635	13,480

¹ Data are preliminary for 2008.

² On island of production.

PAPAYA ACREAGE, STATE OF HAWAII, 2008 WITH COMPARISONS¹

County	Total acreage in crop							
	March		June		September		December	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
Hawaii.....	1,895	1,820	1,710		1,905		1,865	
Honolulu/Kauai/Maui ²	185	200	195		200		190	
State.....	2,080	2,020	1,905		2,105		2,055	

Total harvested acres ³								
Hawaii.....	1,175	1,300	1,075		1,240		1,135	
Honolulu/Kauai/Maui ²	120	125	125		135		120	
State.....	1,295	1,425	1,200		1,375		1,255	

¹ Data are preliminary for 2008. ² Kauai and Maui combined with Honolulu to avoid disclosure of individual operations. ³ Bearing acres where papayas were harvested.

FRESH PAPAYA FARM PRICE, STATE OF HAWAII, 2007-2008

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Average
	<i>Cents per pound</i>												
2007	39.8	41.9	45.0	46.1	46.6	49.4	45.8	38.1	37.2	37.8	38.3	39.7	41.7
2008 ¹	41.0	43.0	50.0	51.0	53.0								

¹ Preliminary.

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