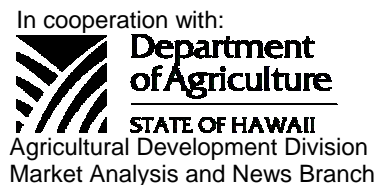




HAWAII PAPAYAS



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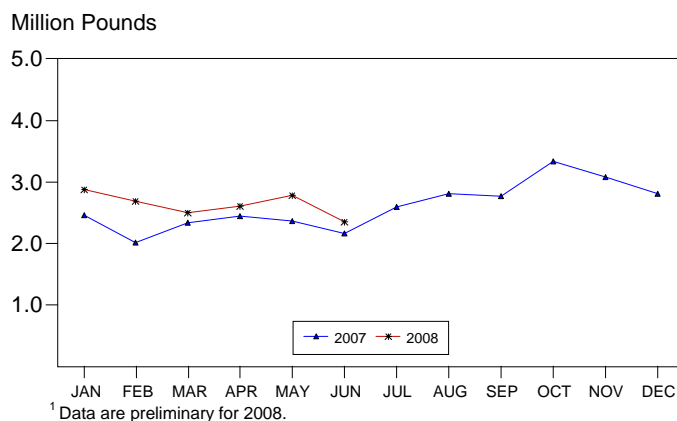
JUNE FRESH PAPAYA OUTPUT LOWER BUT HIGHER THAN LAST YEAR

Hawaii fresh papaya utilization is estimated at 2.4 million pounds for June 2008, decreasing 16 percent from May 2008, but increasing 8 percent from a year ago. Output for the first half of 2008 is estimated at 15.8 million pounds, 15 percent more than the comparable period in 2007.

Hot and dry weather persisted into June. Sporadic flowering and smaller fruits were appearing in orchards in drier areas with poor soil. Growers reported an increase in pest infestation especially mealy bugs in certain areas. Synchronizing appropriate control methods among growers combined with the rising cost of pesticides were hampering control efforts. Growers noted the higher inputs are making farming less feasible. Transgenic seed was still in short supply, delaying future planting.

Hawaii fresh papaya farm price for June is estimated at 51.0 cents per pound, down 4 percent (2.0 cents) from last month, but up 3 percent (1.6 cents) from 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>						
May	237	1,223	1,325	2,785	2,365	11,635	13,480
June	272	958	1,120	2,350	2,170	13,805	15,830

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	1,840	1,905		1,865	
Honolulu/Kauai/Maui ²	185	200	195	200	200		190	
State.....	2,080	2,020	1,905	2,040	2,105		2,055	

Total harvested acres ³								
Hawaii.....	1,175	1,300	1,075	1,200	1,240		1,135	
Honolulu/Kauai/Maui ²	120	125	125	130	135		120	
State.....	1,295	1,425	1,200	1,330	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	37.1	37.8	38.3	39.7	41.7
2008 ¹	41.0	43.0	50.0	51.0	53.0	51.0							

¹ Preliminary.

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