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HAWAII PAPAYAS

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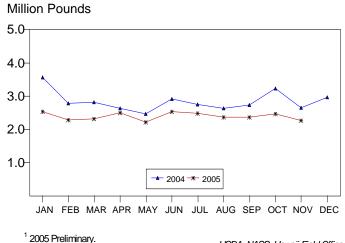
NOVEMBER FRESH OUTPUT LOWER

Hawaii fresh papaya utilization is estimated at 2.3 million pounds for November 2005, down 8 percent from last month and 14 percent lower than November 2004.

Weather for November began wet but turned sunny during the last week of the month. Damp conditions encouraged weed growth and delayed spraying for disease. More black spot disease damage was noted. Dry weather earlier in the year had caused gaps in fruit columns. Light production were noted in all areas and expected to continue for the upcoming weeks. More incidences of Papaya Ringspot Virus (PRV) have increased in the Opihikao area.

Papaya growers are expected to receive an estimated 36.0 cents per pound for fresh fruit in November, up 13 percent (4.0 cents) from October this year and 5 percent (1.7 cents) more than November 2004.

PAPAYA: Fresh Utilization, State of Hawaii, 2004-2005



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

Island			Sales	Year ago	Year-to-date						
	Local ¹	Intrastate	Out-of-State	Total fresh	i eai ayu	2004	2005				
	1,000 pounds										
Hawaii	124	976	900	2,000	2,300	27,340	22,950				
Kauai	30	0	0	30	45	510	430				
Maui/Molokai/Oahu ²	167	3	70	240	305	3,290	2,965				
State	321	979	970	2,270	2,650	31,140	26,345				

¹On island of production.

²Combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

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PAPAYA ACREAGE, STATE OF HAWAII, 2005 WITH COMPARISONS

				Total acrea	age in crop			2005								
Island	Ma	arch	Ju	une	Septe	ember	December									
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005								
Hawaii	1,900	2,265	1,800	2,355	1,920	2,200	2,050									
Kauai	50	35	40	40	40	30	40									
Maui/Molokai/Oahu	160	190	160	205	150	150	140									
State	2,110	2,490	2,000	2,600	2,110	2,380	2,230									
Total bearing acres																
Hawaii	1,000	1,270	900	1,405	1,220	1,325	1,245									
Kauai	35	25	30	30	25	25	25									
Maui/Molokai/Oahu	125	140	125	145	125	105	130									
State	1,160	1,435	1,055	1,580	1,370	1,455	1,400									

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	31.0	31.2	37.4	40.0	41.0	39.5	37.2	36.6	37.2	35.8	34.3	33.4	36.1
2005 ¹	31.0	37.0	40.0	42.0	44.0	37.0	37.0	36.0	35.0	32.0	36.0		

¹ Preliminary.