



Taro for Poi Production Down 3 Percent from Previous Year

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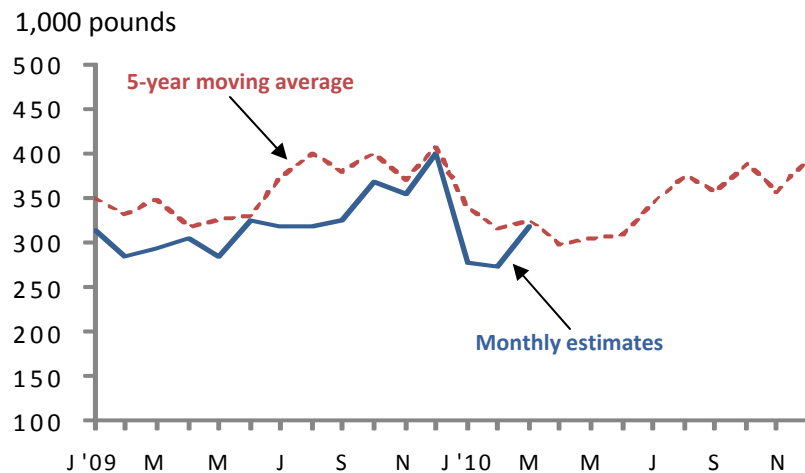
The USDA, NASS, Hawaii Field Office estimates taro for poi production at 870,000 pounds for the first quarter of 2010. This was 3 percent below the first quarter of a year ago and 23 percent lower than the fourth quarter of 2009.

Taro millers used 278,000 pounds of taro in January, a 31 percent decrease from December 2009. Taro for poi millings then dipped 2 percent to 273,000 pounds in February. The amount of taro used for poi milling then increased 17 percent in March to 319,000 pounds. ■

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Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
5-year average ¹	340	317	326	298	305	309	346	376	358	390	358	397	4,120
2009	315	285	295	305	285	325	320	320	325	370	355	400	3,900
2010	278	273	319										
Percent changes:													
2010/5-year	82	86	98										
2010/2009	88	96	108										

¹ Years: 2005-2009.