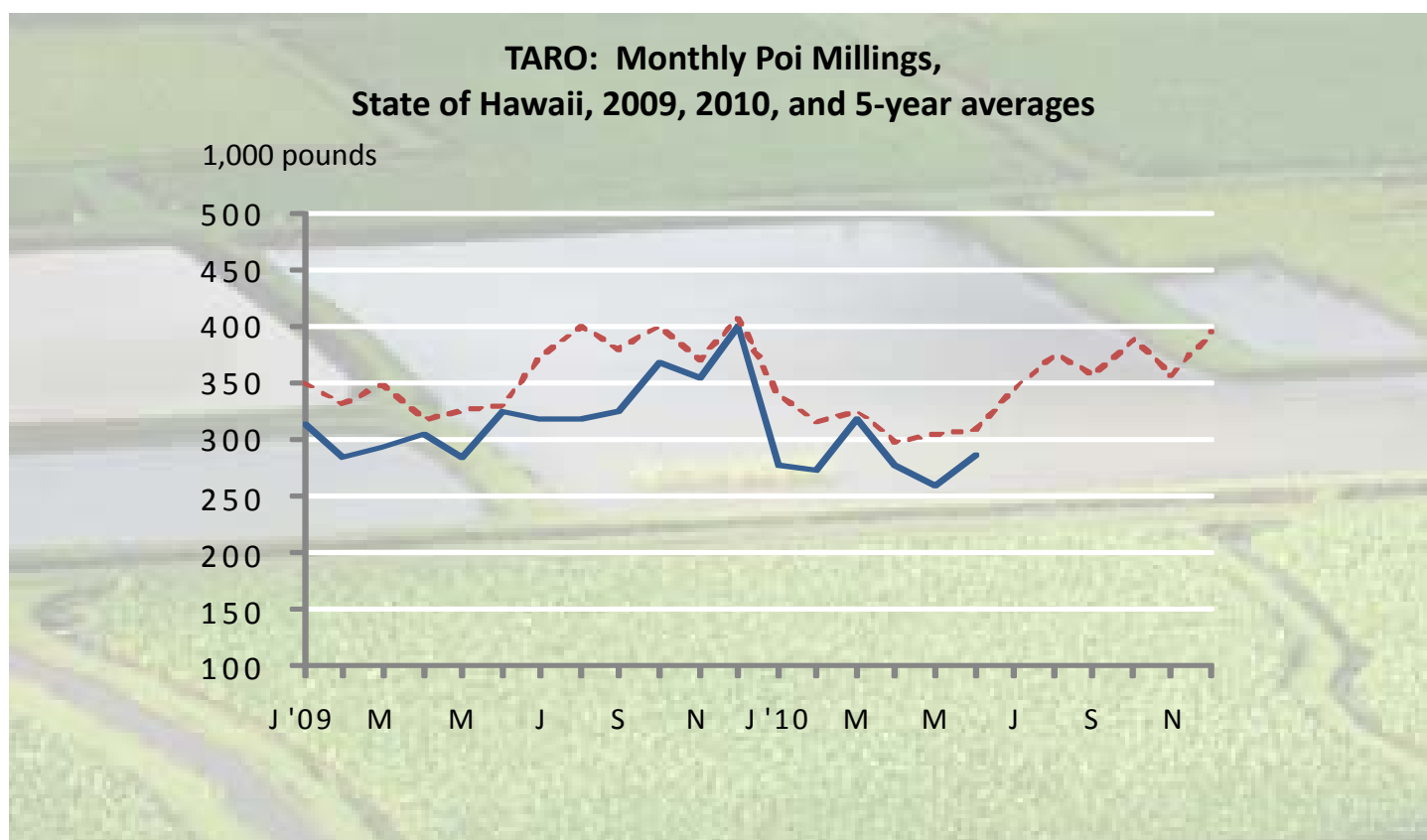


## Taro For Poi: Production 5 Percent Below Last Quarter

The USDA, NASS, Hawaii Field Office estimates taro for poi production at 825,000 pounds for the second quarter of 2010. This was 5 percent below the first quarter and 10 percent lower than the second quarter of 2009.

Taro millers used 278,000 pounds of taro in April, a 13 percent decrease from March 2010. Taro for poi millings then dipped 7 percent to 259,000 pounds in May. The amount of taro used for poi milling then increased 11 percent in June to 288,000 pounds. ■



**TARO : Monthly Poi Millings, State of Hawaii, 5-year Average, 2009 and 2010**

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
<i>1,000 pounds</i>													
5-year average <sup>1</sup>	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
<b>2010</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>288</b>							
<i>Percent</i>													
<u>Percent changes:</u>													
2010/5-year	82	86	98	93	85	93							
2010/2009	88	96	108	91	91	89							

<sup>1</sup> Years: 2005-2009.