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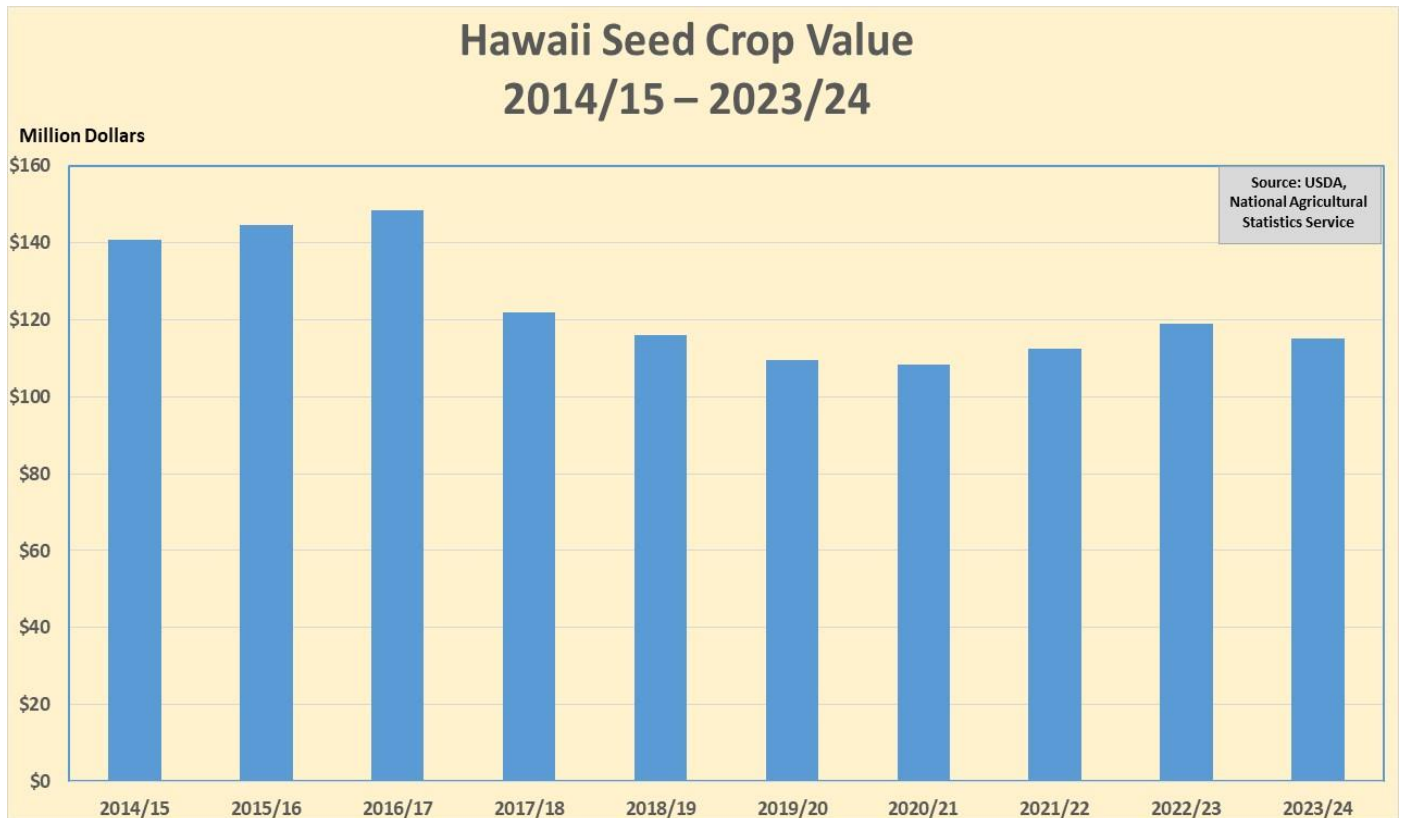
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HAWAII SEED CROP VALUE DOWN 3 PERCENT

The value of Hawaii’s seed industry is estimated at \$115 million for the 2023-24 season, according to a survey conducted by the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. This preliminary estimate is down 3 percent from the 2022-23 estimate of \$119 million.

Out-shipments of seed are projected to total 2.45 million pounds during the 2023-24 season, down 13 percent from the 2.83 million pounds shipped during the previous season.

Acreage harvested for all seed crops is expected to total 1,480 acres during the 2023-24 season, down 15 percent from the previous season.



Hawaii Seed Acreage, Out-Shipments, and Value: 2014\15 - 2023\24

Crop Year ¹	Acreage by Use				Total out-shipments of seed	Value ³		
	Total	Nursery	Seed Increase	Grow-out or Observation ²		Total	Seed Corn	Other Seed Crops
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>\$1,000</i>	<i>\$1,000</i>	<i>\$1,000</i>
2014\15	4,260	910	3,350	(²)	8,590	140,830	137,680	3,150
2015\16	3,980	1,040	2,940	(²)	5,740	144,530	140,000	4,530
2016\17	4,090	1,070	3,020	(²)	7,600	148,400	144,100	4,300
2017\18	3,030	960	2,070	(²)	5,320	121,900	111,800	10,100
2018\19	2,790	780	2,010	(²)	4,195	116,000	112,500	3,500
2019\20	2,360	645	1,715	(²)	4,060	109,400	(⁶)	(⁶)
2020\21	1,990	630	1,360	(²)	3,180	108,300	(⁶)	(⁶)
2021\22 ⁴	1,840	300	1,540	(²)	3,400	112,600	(⁶)	(⁶)
2022\23 ⁴	1,735	280	1,455	(²)	2,825	118,830	(⁶)	(⁶)
2023\24 ⁵	1,480	305	1,175	(²)	2,445	115,250	(⁶)	(⁶)

¹ Seed crops are grown year-round in Hawaii with the main season from November to June. Crop year for this report is defined as September 1 through August 31.

² Beginning with 2014\15, combined with Nursery and Seed Increase to avoid disclosure.

³ Value is based on sales or gross operational budgets.

⁴ Revised.

⁵ Preliminary.

⁶ Values not meeting NASS publication standards combined to avoid disclosure.

Terms and Definitions:

- Nursery: Acres used to carry out seed improvement or planting for use as stocks.
- Seed Increase: Acres used to ramp up production if there are shortfalls elsewhere.
- Grow-out or Observation: Acres used to determine the genetic purity status of a given seed lot of the notified cultivar / hybrid and the extent to which the sample in question conforms to the prescribed standards.
- Out-shipments: Amount of seeds (lbs.) packed and transferred from operations in Hawaii to Headquarters on US Mainland for final development of seed production.

Survey Methodology:

- NASS maintains a list of seed producers. This annual survey is a Census of all seed operations in the state. Questionnaires are mailed to seed producers with telephone or field follow up if not received within a specified time. Data are normally received via mail, phone, or e-mail. Imputation methods are employed for operations not reporting using historical data and current data relationships from similar size operations. The industry's value is based on sales or reported gross operational budgets since most of the seeds produced by companies are not sold.

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