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Hawaii Avocados

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Farm revenue hits 11-year high

The Hawaii Agricultural Statistics Service (HASS) estimates the State's 2002 avocado crop at 700,000 pounds, up 17 percent from 2001. Weather conditions were sunny and relatively dry in most of the major growing areas. As a result, large commercial farms that have irrigated fields experienced average to good yields. Many of the smaller farms with unirrigated planting, however, reported experiencing relatively poor yields. Also contributing to the higher output was a 9-percent increase in harvested acreage to 250 acres.

Farm prices averaged 56.0 cents per pound in 2002, down 2 percent from the 57.0 cents per pound average of 2001. The lower farm price was the result of an increase in market supply as local production and imports from the U.S. mainland both increased in 2002.

Farm revenues totaled \$392,000 in 2002, up 15 percent from the previous year and the highest total in 11 years.❖

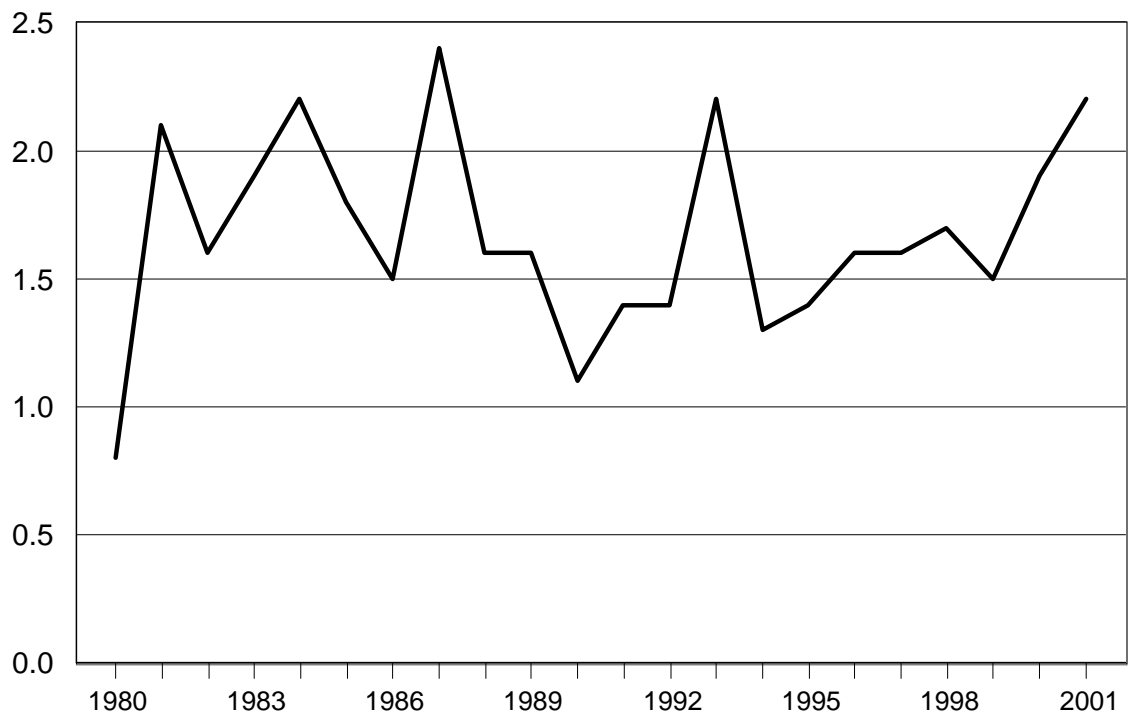
AVOCADOS: Number of farms, acreage, yield, production, price, and value.
State of Hawaii, 1993-2002

Year	Farms	Acreage ¹		Yield per acre (Bearing)	Production	Farm price	Value of sales
		In crop	Bearing				
	<i>Number</i>	<i>----- Acres -----</i>		<i>----- 1,000 Pounds -----</i>		<i>Cents per pound</i>	<i>\$1,000</i>
1993	90	460	250	2.0	500	44.0	220
1994	80	440	220	2.3	500	50.0	250
1995	80	350	210	2.4	500	54.5	273
1996	110	330	180	2.2	400	53.5	214
1997	95	340	250	2.0	500	53.0	265
1998	95	330	240	2.1	500	52.0	260
1999	120	360	230	2.6	600	60.0	360
2000	130	360	220	2.9	640	58.0	371
2001	140	360	230	2.6	600	57.0	342
2002	140	370	250	2.8	700	56.0	392

¹ At end of year.

U. S. Per Capita Consumption of Fresh Avocados

Pounds per capita



Source: Economic Research Service, USDA.