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Hawaii Avocados

An annual report on number of farms, acreage, yield, production, farm price, and value.

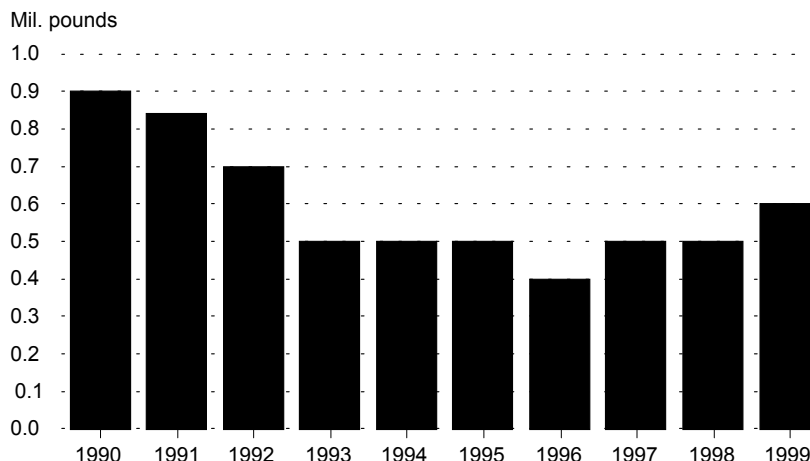
Output and farm prices improve

The Hawaii Agricultural Statistics Service (HASS) estimates the State's 1999 avocado crop at 600,000 pounds, up 20 percent from 1998 and the largest harvest in 7 years. Farm prices averaged 60 cents per pound, up 15 percent from 1998.

The Kona area of Hawaii Island, where most of the State's avocados are grown, continued to experience a prolonged period of dry weather that hampered yields on farms dependent on natural rainfall. Many of the larger plantings, however, are irrigated and they experienced relatively good yields. Statewide production also got a boost from growers outside the Kona district where weather conditions were less severe. During the 1999 season, approximately 32 percent of the crop was harvested on islands other than Hawaii.

Farm prices averaged a record high 60 cents per pound during the 1999 season. The increase in average farm prices during the 1999 season was a reflection of the continued popularity of the higher-priced Sharwil variety. While growers of other varieties reported difficulty in selling their fruit, most Sharwil growers experienced wider acceptance in the local and export markets. The combination of higher farm prices and production enabled Hawaii avocado growers to post total revenues of \$360,000 during the 1999 season, up 38 percent from the previous season.❖

**Production of Hawaii Avocados
State of Hawaii, 1990-1999**



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AVOCADOS: Number of farms, acreage, yield, production, price, and value.
State of Hawaii, 1980-99

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>
1980	145	350	200	7.6	1,510	24.5	370
1981	155	370	200	6.0	1,200	26.4	317
1982	160	440	240	6.7	1,600	22.5	360
1983	160	450	250	4.7	1,170	26.1	305
1984	165	505	270	4.3	1,150	25.9	298
1985	160	525	320	3.8	1,220	24.5	299
1986	160	540	330	3.9	1,300	25.6	333
1987	145	500	300	3.0	900	31.5	284
1988	145	580	290	4.1	1,200	36.5	438
1989	140	550	250	4.4	1,100	38.0	418
1990	120	500	250	3.6	900	45.0	405
1991	110	550	280	3.0	840	47.0	395
1992	100	500	220	3.2	700	46.0	322
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

¹ At end of year.

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