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Smaller Macadamia Nut Harvest Expected For The 2012-2013 Season

The preliminary estimate for 2012-2013 Hawaii macadamia nut crop is 44.0 million pounds (net, wet-in-shell basis), declining 10 percent from the previous season. The crop was a little late this season and hopefully, crop quality improves as harvesting progresses. Weather was mixed; more rainfall was needed in areas experiencing drought-like conditions.

For the 2012-2013 season, in crop acreage and harvested acreage totaled 17,000 and 15,000 acres, respectively. Acreage has been relatively stable during the past several years.

Statewide, about 1.2 million trees were estimated for total acreage. Yields averaged 2,930 pounds per acre (net, wet-in-shell basis) or 340 pounds less than last season.

Farm value for the 2012-2013 crop is estimated at \$35.2 million (net, wet-in-shell basis), 8 percent below last season due to a smaller harvest but higher price. Farm price increased 2.0 cents per pound from last season to average 80.0 cents this season.

This preliminary estimate is based on the fall 2012 survey of processors and a sample of growers. ■

MACADAMIA NUTS: Number of Farms, Acreage, Yield, Production, Moisture, Price, and Value, State of Hawaii, 2008/2009 - 2012/2013 Crop Years

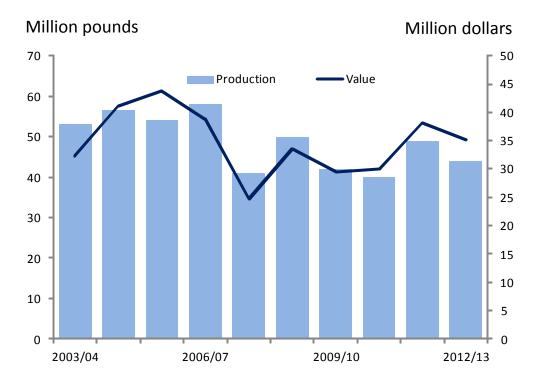
Crop Year ¹	Farms	Acreage		Yield	Utilized Production ³		Average Moisture		Farm Prices ³		Farm
		In Crop	Harvested	per Acre ²	Gross	Net ⁴	Entire Crop	Purchases Only	Gross ⁵	Net	Value ⁶
	Number	—— Acres ——		1,000 pounds			Percent		Cents per —— pound ——		1,000 dollars
2008/2009	570	17,000	15,000	3.3	60,000	50,000	20.5	21.4	55.8	67.0	33,500
2009/2010	570	17,000	15,000	2.8	50,000	42,000	20.1	20.8	58.8	70.0	29,400
2010/2011	570	17,000	15,000	2.7	47,000	40,000	20.3	20.6	63.8	75.0	30,000
2011/2012	570	17,000	15,000	3.3	58,000	49,000	19.5	20.1	65.9	78.0	38,220
2012/2013	570	17,000	15,000	2.9	52,000	44,000	19.4	20.2	67.7	80.0	35,200

¹ Season begins July 1st and ends June 30th of the following year. ² Net production divided by acreage harvested. ³ Wet-in-shell basis. ⁴ Gross pounds less total spoilage. ⁵ Farm value divided by gross production. ⁶ Net production multiplied by net farm price.

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MACADAMIA NUTS: Utilized Production and Farm Value (Net, wet in-shell basis), State of Hawaii, 2003/04-2012/13 Seasons



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