

HAWAII PAPAYAS



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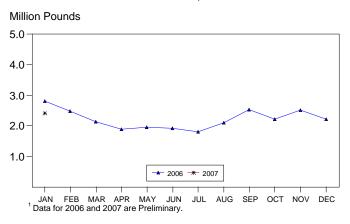
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JANUARY SALES HIGHER THAN DECEMBER BUT LOWER THAN YEAR AGO

Hawaii fresh papaya utilization is estimated at 2.4 million pounds for January 2007, up 9 percent from December 2006, but down 17 percent from a year ago.

Winter like weather occurred in January with cool, wet, and windy conditions. Heavy rains saturated orchards and created some brief flooding conditions earlier in the month. Growers stepped up spraying efforts to minimize disease outbreaks. New flowering was noticed later in the month. Strong southerly winds toppled and uprooted young trees with mature fruits near the end of January. Fruit ripening was delayed with shorter days and cooler temperatures.

PAPAYA: Fresh Utilization, State of Hawaii, 2006-2007 ¹



Papaya growers are expected to receive an estimated 38.0 cents per pound for fresh fruit in January 2007, up 12 percent (4.0 cents) from last month and January 2006.

FRESH PAPAYA UTILIZATION, STATE OF HAWAII, MONTH OF: January 2007

County			Sales	Year ago	Year-to-date						
	Local 1	Intrastate	Out-of-State	Total fresh	r car ago	2006	2007				
	1,000 pounds										
Hawaii	99	1,436	725	2,260	2,635	2,635	2,260				
Honolulu/Kauai/Maui 2	77	3	70	150	285	285	150				
State	176	1439	795	2,410	2,920	2,920	2,410				

¹On island of production.

² Kauai and Maui combined with Honolulu to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

PAPAYA ACREAGE, STATE OF HAWAII, 2006 WITH COMPARISONS

	Total acreage in crop										
County	Ма	rch	Ju	ine	Septe	ember	December				
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006			
Hawaii	2,265	1,850	2,355	1,575	2,100	1,965	2,070	2,170			
Honolulu/Kauai/Maui 1	225	210	245	170	230	175	220	180			
State	2,490 2,060		2,600	1,745	2,330	2,140	2,290	2,350			
	Total bearing acres										
Hawaii	1,270	1,620	1,405	1,385	1,265	1,215	1,630	1,025			
Honolulu/Kauai/Maui 1	165	155	175	125	180	120	150	110			
State	1,435	1,775	1,580	1,510	1,445	1,335	1,780	1,135			

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FRESH PAPAYA FARM PRICE, STATE OF HAWAII, 2006-2007

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Average
	Cents per pound												
2006 ¹	34.0	36.0	45.0	49.0	58.0	51.0	48.0	40.0	38.0	38.0	37.0	34.0	
2007 ¹	38.0												

¹ Preliminary.

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