HAWAII PAPAYAS





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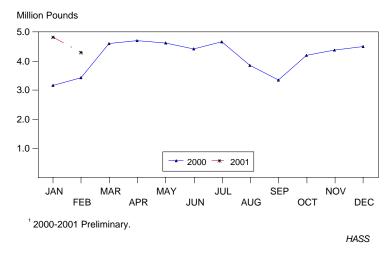
FEBRUARY FRESH OUTPUT PEGGED AT 4.3 MILLION POUNDS

Hawaii fresh papaya production is estimated at 4.3 million pounds for February, 11 percent lower than January but 25 percent higher than February 2000.

Weather conditions during February were variable. Dry conditions during the first week were followed by rains, sometimes heavy, the next two weeks. Sunnier skies and light showers returned during the last week.

Papaya growers are expected to receive an estimated 28.0 cents per pound for fresh fruit

FRESH PAPAYA UTILIZATION STATE OF HAWAII, 2000-2001



in February, 33 percent (7.0 cents) higher than January but 32 percent (13.0 cents) below last year.

FRESH PAPAYA UTILIZATION, STATE OF HAWAII, MONTH OF: February 2001

Island			Sales	Voor ogo	Year-to-date						
	Local ¹	Intrastate	Out-of-State	Total fresh	Year ago	2000	2001				
	1,000 pounds										
Hawaii	118	1,202	1,900	3,220	2,020	3,730	7,000				
Kauai	64	36	75	175	400	785	330				
Maui/Molokai/Oahu ²	574	6	320	900	1,020	2,100	1,800				
State	756	1,244	2,295	4,295	3,440	6,615	9,130				

¹On island of production.

²Combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

PAPAYA ACREAGE, STATE OF HAWAII, 2000 WITH COMPARISONS

				Total acrea	Total acreage in crop ne September December										
Island	Ма	rch	Ju	ne	Septe	ember	December								
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000							
Hawaii	2,890	2,095	2,545	1,600	2,275	2,050	2,300	2,040							
Kauai	250	330	330 270		340 300		330	185							
Maui/Molokai/Oahu	595	615	595	635	670	470	600	470							
State	3,735	3,040	3,410	2,575	3,245	2,755	3,230	2,695							
Hawaii	1,725	1,010	1,440	950	995	1,190	1,030	1,495							
Kauai	110	185	150	200	160	160	155	125							
Maui/Molokai/Oahu	265	385	435	435	460	260	450	255							
State	2,100	1,580	2,025	1,585	1,615	1,610	1,635	1,875							

FRESH PAPAYA FARM PRICE, STATE OF HAWAII, 2000-2001

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Average
	Cents per pound												
2000 ¹	37.0	41.0	36.0	35.0	37.0	32.0	28.0	27.0	33.0	29.0	26.0	20.0	
2001 ¹	21.0	28.0											

¹ Preliminary.