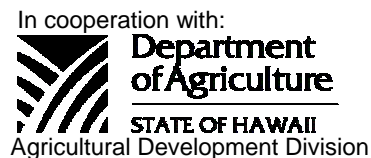




HAWAII PAPAYAS



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MARCH AND FIRST QUARTER SALES DOWN FROM 2006

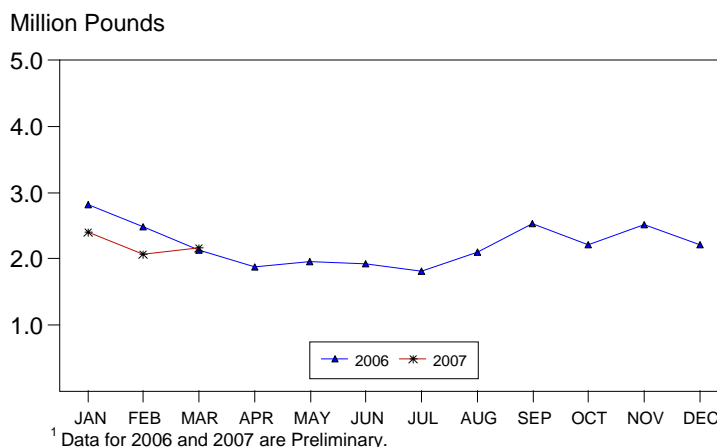
Hawaii fresh papaya utilization is estimated at 2.2 million pounds for March 2007, up 4 percent from February, but down 2 percent from last year. Cumulative sales for the first quarter of 2007 were down 10 percent from the same period in 2006 to 6.6 million pounds.

Total in crop for March is estimated at 1,935, down 7 percent from a year ago. Harvested area totaled 870 acres, decreasing 51 percent from March of last year. Continuous wet weather in the earlier months of 2006 and an increase in disease during 2006 had some impact on current lower acreage.

In March, orchards benefited from sunny periods and adequate soil moisture for steady growth and flowering. Normal field activities were underway with favorable weather. Young plantings made good progress. More harvested acreage is expected for the summer months.

Papaya growers are expected to receive an estimated 47.0 cents per pound for fresh fruit in March, up 15 percent (6.0 cents) from last month and 4 percent more (2.0 cents) from a year ago.

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



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

County	Sales				Year ago	Year-to-date	
	Local ¹	Intrastate	Out-of-State	Total fresh		2006	2007
	<i>1,000 pounds</i>						
Hawaii.....	106	1,154	700	1,960	2,015	6,650	6,140
Honolulu/Kauai/Maui ²	134	6	60	200	195	720	500
State.....	240	1,160	760	2,160	2,210	7,370	6,640

¹ On island of production.

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

PAPAYA ACREAGE, STATE OF HAWAII, 2007 WITH COMPARISONS

County	Total acreage in crop							
	March		June		September		December	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
Hawaii.....	1,850	1,750	1,575		1,965		2,170	
Honolulu/Kauai/Maui ¹	220	185	170		175		180	
State.....	2,070	1,935	1,745		2,140		2,350	
Total bearing acres								
Hawaii.....	1,620	750	1,385		1,205		1,025	
Honolulu/Kauai/Maui ¹	165	120	125		120		110	
State.....	1,785	870	1,510		1,325		1,135	

¹ Kauai and Maui combined with Honolulu to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

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

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Average
	<i>Cents per pound</i>												
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	41.0	47.0										

¹ Preliminary.

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