

HAWAII PAPAYAS



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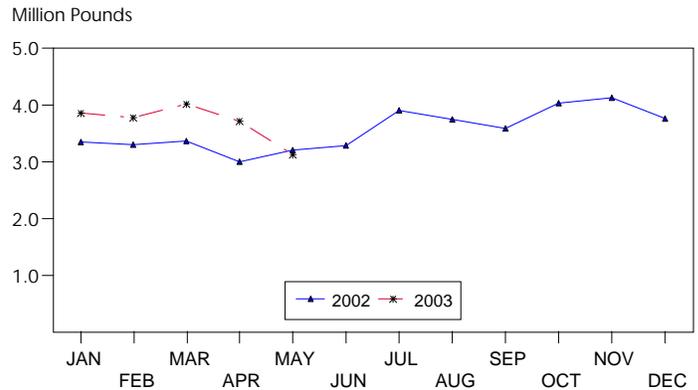
MAY PAPAYA PRODUCTION DIPS BELOW YEAR AGO

Hawaii fresh papaya utilization is estimated at 3.1 million pounds for May 2003, down 16 percent from last month and 3 percent lower than May 2002.

Weather conditions were variable during May. Showers over rainfall dependent orchards have kept soil moisture levels adequate.

Papaya growers are expected to receive an estimated 38.0 cents per pound for fresh fruit in May. This is 6 percent (2.0 cents) higher than April 2003, but 10 percent (4.0 cents) lower than the previous year.

FRESH PAPAYA UTILIZATION STATE OF HAWAII, 2002-2003¹



¹ 2003 Preliminary.

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FRESH PAPAYA UTILIZATION, STATE OF HAWAII, MONTH OF: May 2003

Island	Sales				Year ago	Year-to-date	
	Local ¹	Intrastate	Out-of-State	Total fresh		2002	2003
	<i>1,000 pounds</i>						
Hawaii.....	139	1,211	1,350	2,700	2,540	12,945	16,410
Kauai.....	50	0	5	55	120	535	260
Maui/Molokai/Oahu ²	343	7	20	370	550	2,755	1,835
State.....	532	1,218	1,375	3,125	3,210	16,235	18,505

¹ On island of production.

² Combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

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PAPAYA ACREAGE, STATE OF HAWAII, 2003 WITH COMPARISONS

Island	Total acreage in crop							
	March		June		September		December	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
Hawaii.....	2,200	2,015	1,920		1,925		1,925	
Kauai.....	80	55	75		60		55	
Maui/Molokai/Oahu.....	210	185	210		185		170	
State.....	2,490	2,255	2,205		2,170		2,150	
Total bearing acres								
Hawaii.....	1,700	1,600	1,490		1,385		1,465	
Kauai.....	60	40	60		40		35	
Maui/Molokai/Oahu.....	170	95	175		75		80	
State.....	1,930	1,735	1,725		1,500		1,580	

FRESH PAPAYA FARM PRICE, STATE OF HAWAII, 2002-2003

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Average
	<i>Cents per pound</i>												
2002 ¹	34.0	35.0	34.0	38.0	42.0	40.0	35.0	34.0	30.0	27.0	26.0	26.0	
2003 ¹	28.0	32.0	35.0	36.0	38.0								

¹Preliminary.