



HAWAII PAPAYAS



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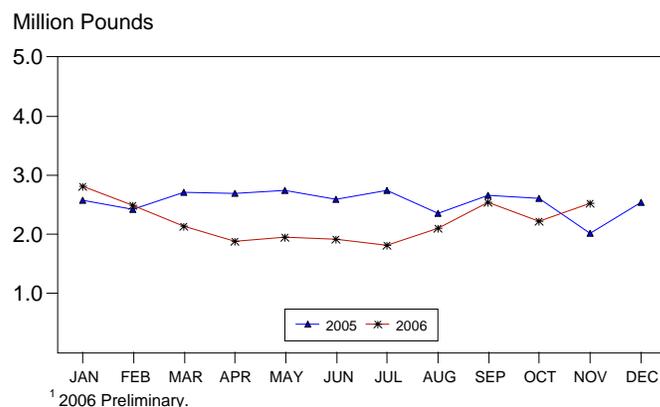
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MORE FRESH PAPAYAS IN NOVEMBER

Hawaii fresh papaya utilization is estimated at 2.5 million pounds for November 2006, up 14 percent from October of this year and 25 percent more than November last year. Cumulative sales for this year totaled 24.4 million pounds, 13 percent less than the comparable period last year.

Orchards received sunny weather with light passing showers in November. Warm and humid conditions encouraged flowering and fruit set. Growers maintained a regular spraying schedule to limit the spread of disease and damage. Young trees made steady progress. Mature fruits and active harvesting boosted monthly supply.

**PAPAYA: Fresh Utilization,
State of Hawaii, 2005-2006 ¹**



Papaya growers are expected to receive an estimated 37.0 cents per pound for fresh fruit in November, down 3 percent (1.0 cent) from last month, but relatively unchanged from a year ago.

FRESH PAPAYA UTILIZATION, STATE OF HAWAII, MONTH OF: November 2006

County	Sales				Year ago	Year-to-date	
	Local ¹	Intrastate	Out-of-State	Total fresh		2005	2006
	<i>1,000 pounds</i>						
Hawaii.....	91	1,489	750	2,330	1,745	24,640	22,115
Honolulu/Kauai/Maui ²	116	4	70	190	275	3,510	2,280
State.....	207	1,493	820	2,520	2,020	28,150	24,395

¹ On island of production.

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

PAPAYA ACREAGE, STATE OF HAWAII, 2006 WITH COMPARISONS

County	Total acreage in crop							
	March		June		September		December	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
Hawaii.....	2,265	1,850	2,355	1,575	2,100	1,965	2,070	
Honolulu/Kauai/Maui ¹	225	210	245	170	230	175	220	
State.....	2,490	2,060	2,600	1,745	2,330	2,140	2,290	

Total bearing acres								
Hawaii.....	1,270	1,620	1,405	1,385	1,265	1,215	1,630	
Honolulu/Kauai/Maui ¹	165	155	175	125	180	120	150	
State.....	1,435	1,775	1,580	1,510	1,445	1,335	1,780	

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FRESH PAPAYA FARM PRICE, STATE OF HAWAII, 2005-2006

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Average
	<i>Cents per pound</i>												
2005	33.0	37.4	40.0	37.6	37.0	37.2	36.2	36.5	34.3	33.2	37.1	36.9	36.4
2006 ¹	34.0	36.0	45.0	49.0	58.0	51.0	48.0	40.0	38.0	38.0	37.0		

¹ Preliminary.

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