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# Hawaii Taro Millings

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## Taro for poi production below year ago level

The USDA, NASS, Hawaii Field Office estimates taro for poi production at 940,000 pounds for the first quarter of 2008. This was 2 percent below the first quarter of a year ago and 17 percent lower than the fourth quarter of 2007.

Taro millers used 330,000 pounds of taro in January, an 11 percent decrease from December 2007. Taro for poi millings then dipped 12 percent to 290,000 pounds in February. The amount of taro used for poi milling then increased 10 percent in March to 320,000 pounds.

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Monthly Taro for Poi Millings, State of Hawaii, 5-year average, 2007, and 2008.

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>												
5-year average <sup>1</sup> .....	366	347	359	318	324	330	367	390	387	423	399	430	4,440
2007 <sup>2</sup> .....	340	320	300	265	280	280	320	325	335	420	345	370	3,900
<b>2008</b> .....	<b>330</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>320</b>										
<u>Percent changes:</u>	<i>Percent</i>												
2008/5-year .....	90	84	89										
2008/2007 .....	97	91	106										

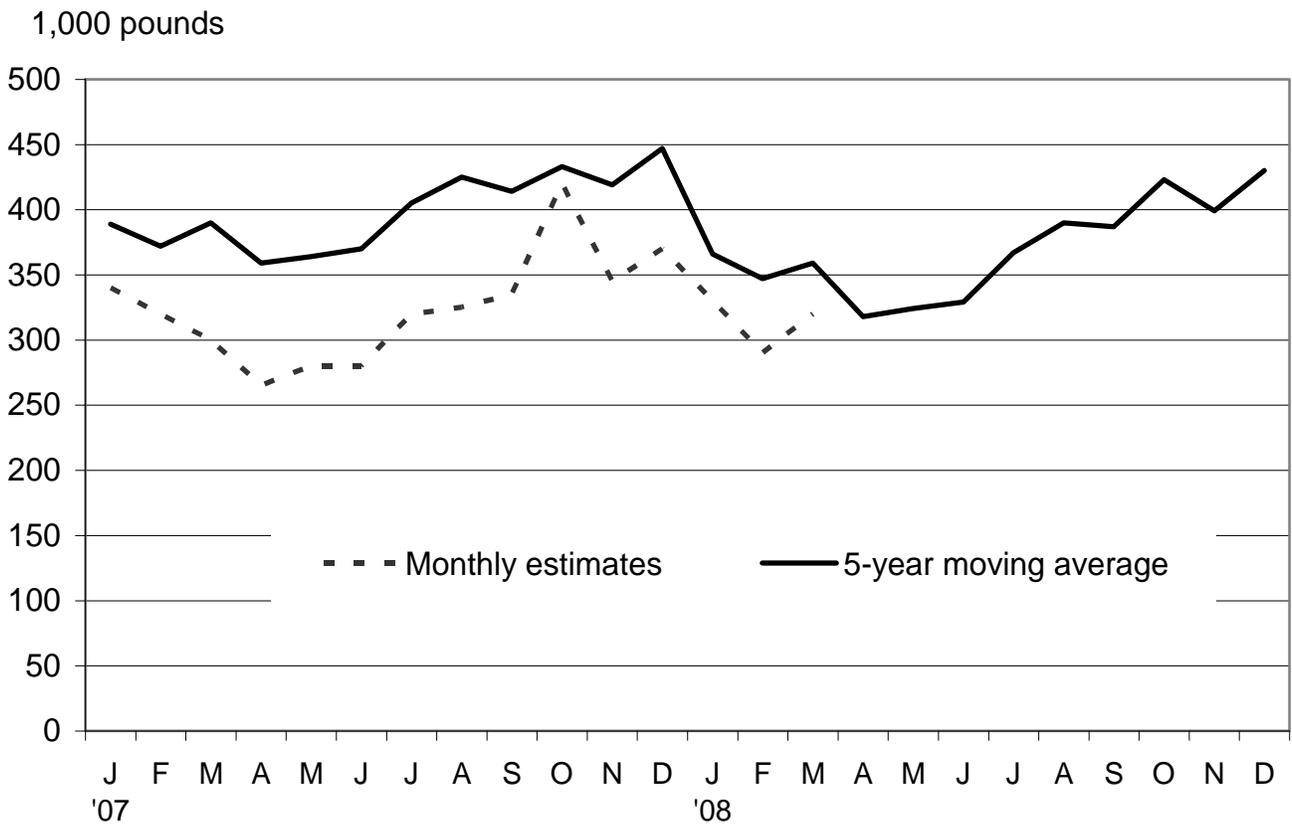
<sup>1</sup> Years: 2003-2007.

<sup>2</sup> Revised.

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## Monthly Taro for Poi Millings State of Hawaii: 2007, 2008, and 5-year averages



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