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Hawaii Taro Millings

A Quarterly Report of Taro Milled for Poi

Taro For Poi Millings Remain Below 2000 Levels

The Hawaii Agricultural Statistics Service estimates poi millers utilized 1.4 million pounds of taro during the second quarter of 2001, down 4 percent from the first quarter and down 16 percent from the second quarter of 2000. Despite the recent declines, second quarter millings were 7 percent higher than the five-year average for the same period.

Although the U.S. Geological Survey reports that many of Hawaii's streams and rivers were below normal levels, overall water levels have been adequate for taro farming. In addition, recent weather conditions have been relatively mild and dry and as a result most taro fields were in fair to good condition.

Monthly Taro for Poi Millings, State of Hawaii, 5-year average, 2000, and 2001.

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
<i>1,000 Pounds</i>													
5-year average ¹	486	459	483	444	436	443	462	478	475	491	474	509	5,640
2000	565	600	630	550	575	575	530	555	500	550	530	540	6,700
2001	500	480	500	440	500	480							
<i>Percent</i>													
<u>Percent changes:</u>													
2001/5-year	103	105	104	99	115	108							
2001/2000	88	80	79	80	87	83							

¹ Years: 1996-2000.

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