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Hawaii Taro Millings

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Taro for poi millings picks up

The Hawaii Agricultural Statistics Service estimates poi millers utilized 1.47 million pounds of taro during the second quarter of 2002, up 8 percent from the first quarter, but down 1 percent compared to the second quarter of last year.

Taro for poi millings increased each successive month during the second quarter. April millings of 480,000 pounds represented a 4-percent increase from March. Taro for poi millings increased another 2 percent in May to 490,000 pounds. The seasonal increases continued in June when 500,000 pounds of taro for milled into poi, up 2 percent from May, but down 1 percent from a year ago. Taro production normally peaks during the summer when growing conditions are beneficial, and market demand has increased.

Monthly Taro for Poi Millings, State of Hawaii, 5-year average, 2001, and 2002.

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>												
5-year average ¹ ...	493	463	498	452	465	476	491	511	504	498	480	509	5,840
2001	525	500	525	460	525	505	505	535	515	495	440	470	6,000
2002	460	440	460	480	490	500							
<u>Percent changes:</u>	<i>Percent</i>												
2002/5-year	93	95	92	106	105	105							
2002/2001	88	88	88	104	93	99							

¹ Years: 1997-2001.



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