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Taro for poi production higher

The USDA, NASS, Hawaii Field Office estimates taro for poi production at 975,000 pounds for the second quarter of 2008. This was 18 percent more than the second quarter of a year ago and 4 percent above the previous quarter.

Taro millers used 335,000 pounds of taro in April, 5 percent more than March 2008. Taro for poi millings then dropped 4 percent to 320,000 pounds in May. The amount of taro used for poi milling remained unchanged in June at 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 ¹	366	347	359	318	324	330	367	390	387	423	399	430	4,440
2007 ²	340	320	300	265	280	280	320	325	335	420	345	370	3,900
2008	330	290	320	335	320	320							
<u>Percent changes:</u>	<i>Percent</i>												
2008/5-year	90	84	89	105	99	97							
2008/2007	97	91	106	126	114	114							

¹ Years: 2003-2007.

² Revised.

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