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Hawaii Taro Millings

A Quarterly Report of Taro Milled for Poi

Taro for poi millings almost even with last year

The Hawaii Agricultural Statistics Service estimates poi millers utilized 4.6 million pounds of taro during the first 9 months of 2000, down less than 1 percent from the same period a year ago. On a monthly basis, utilization of taro for poi was running higher than year-ago totals until July. During the most recent quarter (July-September), taro for poi utilization totaled 1.4 million pounds, down 18 percent from the same quarter last year. Most of this recent reduction occurred on Maui. Overall weather conditions have been mostly favorable for farmers, but production continues to be hampered by Apple snails and the Taro Pocket Rot disease.

Monthly Taro for Poi Millings, State of Hawaii, 1995-99 average, 1999, and 2000.

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>												
5-year average ¹	463	427	455	422	413	424	450	469	475	483	470	509	5,460
1999	480	450	500	450	480	500	560	600	580	520	530	550	6,200
2000	510	540	570	500	520	520	470	500	450				
<u>Percent changes:</u>	<i>Percent</i>												
2000/5-year	110	126	125	118	126	123	104	107	95				
2000/1999	106	120	114	111	108	104	84	83	78				

¹ Years: 1995-99.

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