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Hawaii Taro Millings

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Third quarter taro for poi millings declines

The Hawaii Agricultural Statistics Service estimates poi millers utilized 1.40 million pounds of taro during the third quarter of 2002, down 5 percent from the second quarter and down 10 percent compared to the third quarter of last year.

Monthly taro for poi millings peaked in July at 520,000 pounds, up 4 percent from June and 6 percent more than the 5-year average for July. Taro for poi millings declined in August to 450,000 pounds and decline another 4 percent in September to 430,000 pounds - the lowest monthly total so far this year.

Taro growers report normal growing conditions during the third quarter. Pocket rot is still a problem in some areas, but damage is being controlled.

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	520	450	430				
<u>Percent changes:</u>	<i>Percent</i>												
2002/5-year	93	95	92	106	105	105	106	88	85				
2002/2001	88	88	88	104	93	99	103	84	83				

¹ Years: 1997-2001.



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