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# Hawaii Taro Millings

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## Taro for poi production 28 percent higher

The USDA, NASS, Hawaii Field Office estimates taro for poi production at 1.3 million pounds during the third quarter of 2008. This was 28 percent more than the second quarter of 2008 and the third quarter of 2007.

Taro for poi millings increased 33 percent to 425,000 pounds in July compared with June 2008. Taro millers then used 445,000 pounds of taro in August, an increase of 5 percent from July. The amount of taro used for poi milling then decreased 15 percent in September to 380,000 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 <sup>1</sup> .....	366	347	359	318	324	330	367	390	387	423	399	430	4,440
2007 <sup>2</sup> .....	340	320	300	265	280	280	320	325	335	420	345	370	3,900
<b>2008</b> .....	<b>330</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>380</b>				
	<i>Percent</i>												
<u>Percent changes:</u>													
2008/5-year .....	90	84	89	105	99	97	116	114	98				
2008/2007 .....	97	91	106	126	114	114	133	137	113				

<sup>1</sup> Years: 2003-2007.

<sup>2</sup> Revised.

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