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Hawaii Taro Millings

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2008 Taro for poi production 10 percent more than 2007 level

The USDA, NASS, Hawaii Field Office estimates taro for poi production at 1.1 million pounds for the fourth quarter of 2008. This was unchanged from the same quarter of a year ago, but 9 percent lower than the third quarter of 2008.

Taro millers used 380,000 pounds of taro in September the same amount as during August. The amount of taro used for poi millings then dipped 1 percent to 375,000 pounds in November. Taro for poi millings then increased 1 percent to 380,000 pounds in December.

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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	425	445	380	380	375	380	4,300
<u>Percent changes:</u>	<i>Percent</i>												
2008/5-year	90	84	89	105	99	97	116	114	98	90	94	88	97
2008/2007	97	91	106	126	114	114	133	137	113	90	109	103	110

¹ Years: 2003-2007.

² Revised.

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