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## Papaya Production State of Hawaii, 2015-2019

The value of utilized production for Hawaii papayas was estimated at \$4.9 million in 2019, down 13% from the previous year. Total production equaled 11.8 million pounds, an increase of 13% from the previous year. Utilized production totaled 10.58 million pounds, 3% higher than in 2018.

Papaya bearing acreage statewide was estimated at 690 acres, down 110 acres (14%) from 2018. Yield per acre increased 31% to 17,000 pounds per acre in 2019 as compared to the prior year. Similarly, papaya harvested but not sold increased significantly to 1.17 million pounds. Papaya growers received an average price of 47 cents per pound for the fruit, 15% or 8 cents lower than in 2018.

The 2017 Census of Agriculture reported that Hawaii County had 71% of the state’s total papaya bearing acres. In the following year, the Kilauea volcanic eruption and intense flooding in various growing regions across the state contributed to declines in papaya bearing acres in 2018 and to lingering effects in 2019.

Crop Year	Bearing Acres	Yield Per Acre	Total Production	Utilized Production	Price Per Pound	Value of Utilized Production	Change in Value of Utilized Production <sup>1</sup>	Harvested-Not Sold
	<i>number</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(1,000 pounds)</i>		<i>(dollars)</i>	<i>(1,000 dollars)</i>	<i>(percent)</i>	<i>(1,000 pounds)</i>
2019	690	17,000	11,750	10,580	0.47	4,943	-13	1,170
2018	800	13,000	10,400	10,290	0.55	5,702	-39	110
2017	1,100	23,000	25,600	22,250	0.42	9,400	-3	3,530
2016	700	28,200	19,760	19,750	0.49	9,713	-8	10
2015	1,500	18,200	27,300	25,200	0.42	10,570	-6	2,100

<sup>1</sup> Percent change in dollar value of utilized papaya production from year-to-year.

Sources:  
 USDA-NASS and HDOA-MANB

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