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## Statistics on Papayas State of Hawaii, 2016-2020

The value of utilized production for Hawaii’s papayas was estimated at \$3 million in 2020, down 38% from the previous year. Total production dropped to 8,280 million pounds, 30% less from the previous year. Utilized production totaled 6,950 million pounds, 34% less than in 2019.

Papaya bearing acreage statewide was estimated at 600 acres, down 90 acres (13%) from 2019. Yield per acre decreased 19% to 13,800 pounds per acre in 2020. Likewise, papaya harvested but not sold increased to 1.3 million pounds, 14% more than 2019. Papaya growers received an average price of 44 cents per pound for the fruit, 3 cents lower than in 2019.

Growers noted that inclement weather events in the past few years from hurricanes, heavy rains, flooding, strong winds, drought and the 2018 Kilauea eruption have continued to impact papaya production. In addition, decreases in air freight availability and increasing shipping costs have negatively impacted the papaya industry.

Over the five-year period from 2016-2020, the value in utilized production of papayas dropped a staggering 69% while utilized production decreased 65% in the same time period.

**Table 1. Papaya Acreage, Yield, Production, Price, Value, Harvested but Not Sold in Hawaii, 2016-2020**

<b>Crop Year</b>	<b>Bearing Acres</b>	<b>Yield Per Acre</b>	<b>Total Production</b>	<b>Utilized Production</b>	<b>Price Per Pound</b>	<b>Value of Utilized Production</b>	<b>Change in Value of Utilized Production<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Harvested-Not Sold</b>
		<i>(Pounds)</i>	<i>(1,000 Pounds)</i>		<i>(Dollars)</i>	<i>(1,000 Dollars)</i>	<i>(Percent)</i>	<i>(1,000 Pounds)</i>
2020	600	13,800	8,280	6,950	0.44	3,053	-38	1,330
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

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

Sources:  
 USDA-NASS and HDOA-MANB

**Chart 1. Utilized Hawaii Papaya Production: Value and Volume, 2016-2020**

