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Statistics on Papayas State of Hawaii, 2017-2023

The estimated value of utilized production for Hawaii's papayas was \$6.5 million in 2023, reflecting a four percent improvement from \$6.3 million in 2022. However, total production decreased by twelve percent to 10.25 million pounds compared to the previous year, with utilized production falling three percent to 9.54 million pounds.

Statewide, papaya bearing acreage dropped by 50 acres and yield per acre declined five percent to 15,800 pounds per acre in 2023. The volume of papayas harvested but not sold decreased by 62 percent to 710 thousand pounds. Papaya growers received a record average price of 68 cents per pound, up by four cents in 2022.

From 2017 to 2023, the value of utilized production of papayas decreased 31 percent while utilized production saw a staggering drop of 57 percent. Despite these downtrends, 2023 showed a slight improvement in the value of production compared to the previous year, following a peak in 2021.

Table 1. Papaya Acreage, Yield, Production, Price, Value, Harvested but Not Sold in Hawaii, 2017-2023

Crop Year	Bearing Acres	Yield Per Acre	Total Production	Utilized Production	Price Per Pound	Value of Utilized Production	Change in Value of Utilized Production ¹	Harvested- Not Sold
	(Number)	(Pounds)	(1,000 Pounds)		(Dollars)	(1,000 Dollars)	(Percent)	(1,000 Pounds)
2023	650	15,800	10,250	9,540	0.68	6,477	4	710
2022	700	16,700	11,700	9,830	0.64	6,252	-36	1,870
2021	700	22,300	15,600	14,350	0.69	9,845	222	1,250
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

¹Percent change in dollar value of utilized papaya production from year-to-year.

Sources:

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Chart 1. Utilized Hawaii Papaya Production: Volume and Value, 2017-2023



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