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Statistics on Bananas State of Hawaii, 2021

The farm gate value for Hawaii’s 2021 fresh banana production is estimated at \$5.6 million, a 22 percent increase from 2020. Utilized banana production increased 33 percent to 5.4 million pounds. Statewide banana acreage increased slightly from 263 acres in 2020 to 318 acres in 2021, excluding the Kunia region in Honolulu County.

The average yield of bananas harvested per acre increased ten percent over the previous year to 16.9 thousand pounds. Banana producers received an average price of \$1.06 per pound for fresh bananas, seven cents more than in the previous year.

About 41 percent (2.2 million pounds) of the state’s utilized banana production is grown and harvested for off-island sales. Additionally, bananas grown in 2021 for sales on-island increased to 3.2 million pounds, 71 percent higher when compared to the preceding year.

Hawaii Apple bananas continue to be the main variety grown by producers. Cavendish and other varieties grown and sold include Ice Cream, Williams, and Namwa. Chart 1 on page 3 ranks other commercially marketed varieties.

Table 1: Acreage, Production, Yield, Value, and Price of Bananas, 2019-2021

	2019	2020	2021
Crop planted (Acres)	246	263	318
Harvested production - all purpose (1,000 pounds)	4,059	4,035	5,365
Crop yield ¹ (1,000 pounds per acre)	16.5	15.3	16.9
Utilized production (1,000 pounds)	4,052	4,032	5,351
Harvested - not sold (1,000 pounds)	7	3	14
Value of production (1,000 dollars)	4,659	4,634	5,631
Farm price (Dollars per pound)	1.15	0.99	1.06

¹ Derived from dividing harvested production by crop planted acreage.

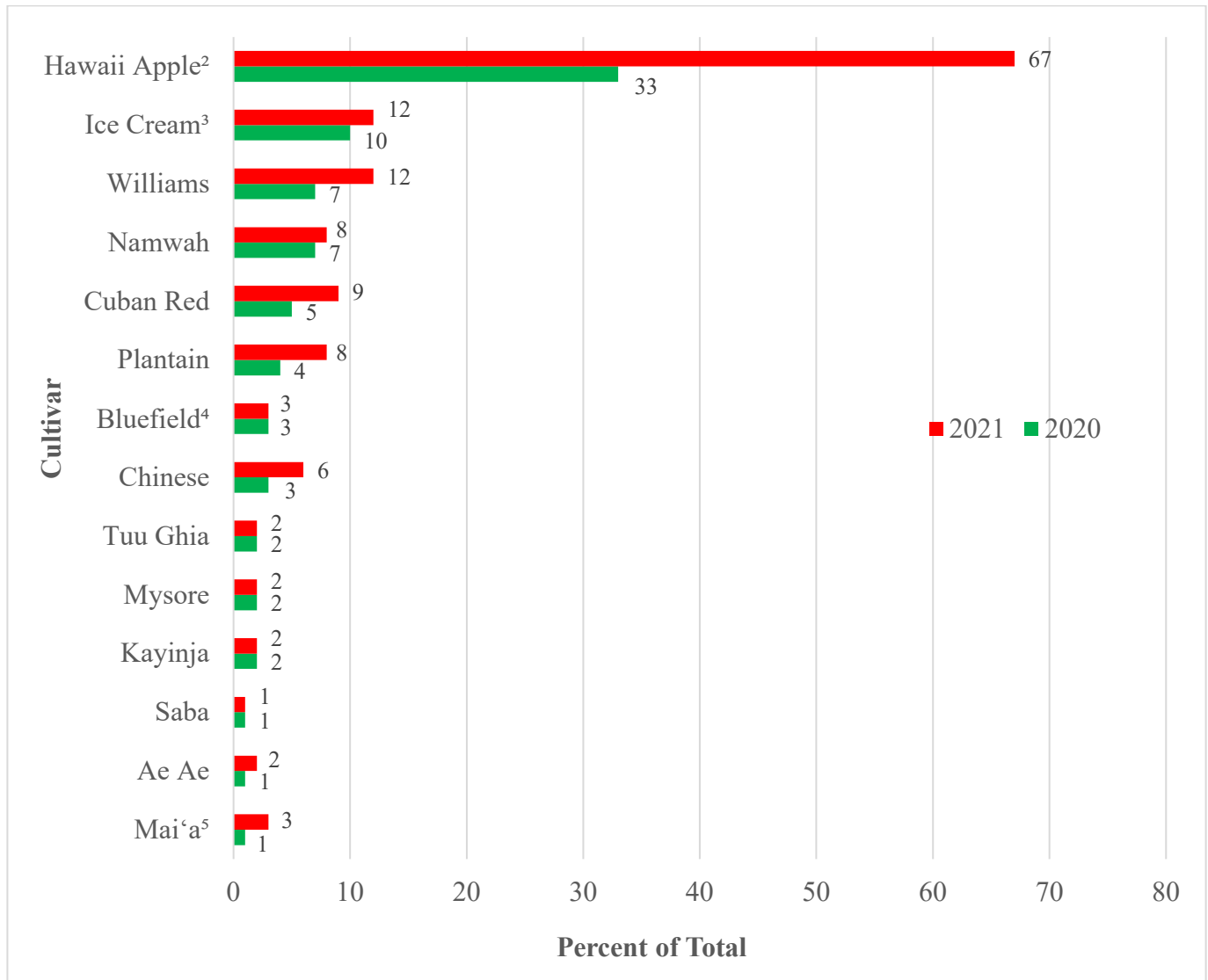
Table 2: Utilized Production and Sales of Bananas by County, 2019-2021

County and Year		Utilized Production	Harvested for Sale on Neighbor Island	Harvested for Sale on Home Island	Harvested but Not Sold
		----- 1,000 pounds -----			
Hawaii	2019	3,678	2,336	1,342	2
	2020	3,586	2,180	1,406	0
	2021	5,010	2,132	2,878	7
Honolulu ¹	2019	103	0	103	0
	2020	133	0	133	0
	2021	26	0	26	1
Kauai	2019	60	0	60	0
	2020	127	0	127	0
	2021	97	0	97	3
Maui	2019	211	64	147	5
	2020	186	0	186	3
	2021	218	58	160	3
Total	2019	4,052	2,400	1,652*	7
	2020	4,032	2,180	1,852*	3
	2021	5,351	2,190	3,161	14

¹ Excludes production in Kunia region.

*Updated.

Chart 1: Banana Cultivars Grown in Hawaii, 2020-2021^{1,*}



¹ Cultivar classification sourced from Scott Nelson (2007). Available at: <https://www.ctahr.hawaii.edu/nelsons/banana/BananaSynonymsHawaii.pdf>

² Includes Dwarf Apple, Santa Catarina, and Dwarf Brazilian and other Brazilian.

³ Includes Blue Java.

⁴ Includes Gros Michel.

⁵ Includes Iholena, Maoli, Popo'ulu.

*Survey respondents may indicate one or more variety.

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