

## Avocados: Production Up 4 Percent

Hawaii avocado production is estimated at 1.040 million pounds for 2008-09 season, up 4 percent from 2008. A 12 percent increase in harvested acreage contributed toward the higher output despite a 7 percent decrease in yield. Majority of the avocados are grown on Hawaii County. The overall weather condition was mainly dry during the year which affected crop progress and fruit size and quality. In addition, growers mentioned that the volcanic haze affected flowering and fruit set.

Farm price was down 5 percent to an average of 69 cents per pound for the 2008-09 crop. The value totaled \$718 thousand for 2009, declining 2 percent from 2008. ■

### AVOCADOS: Number of Farms, Acreage, Yield, Production, Price, and Value, State of Hawaii, 2005-2009

Year	Farms	Acreage <sup>1</sup>		Yield per acre <sup>2</sup> (Bearing)	Production	Farm price	Value of sales
		In crop	Bearing				
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Acres</i>		<i>1,000 pounds</i>		<i>Cents per lb</i>	<i>\$1,000</i>
2005	175	390	300	2.7	800	66.0	528
2006	225	380	330	3.1	1,020	68.0	694
2007	250	390	350	3.3	1,160	68.0	789
2008	250	400	330	3.0	1,000	73.0	730
<b>2009</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>1,040</b>	<b>69.0</b>	<b>718</b>

<sup>1</sup> At end of year. <sup>2</sup> Yield is based on total production.

### AVOCADOS: Bearing Acreage, Average Yield, Production, Price per Ton, and Value, by State and United States, 2007-08 to 2009-10

State and season	Bearing acreage	Yield per acre <sup>1</sup>	Production	Price per ton	Value
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>
California					
2007-08	66,000	2.50	165,000	1,990.00	328,350
2008-09	65,000	1.35	88,000	2,280.00	200,640
<b>2009-10</b>	<b>58,500</b>	<b>4.19</b>	<b>245,000</b>	<b>1,350.00</b>	<b>330,750</b>
Florida					
2007-08	7,000	3.93	27,500	440.00	12,100
2008-09	7,500	3.66	27,450	480.00	13,176
<b>2009-10</b>	<b>7,400</b>	<b>3.14</b>	<b>23,200</b>	<b>600.00</b>	<b>13,920</b>
Hawaii					
2007-08	350	1.66	580	1,360.00	789
2008-09	330	1.52	500	1,460.00	730
<b>2009-10</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>1.41</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>1,380.00</b>	<b>718</b>
U.S.					
2007-08	73,350	2.63	193,080	1,770.00	341,239
2008-09	72,830	1.59	115,950	1,850.00	214,546
<b>2009-10</b>	<b>66,270</b>	<b>4.05</b>	<b>268,720</b>	<b>1,290.00</b>	<b>345,388</b>

<sup>1</sup> Yield is based on total production. Source: Noncitrus Fruits and Nuts 2009 Summary – July 2010, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.