

AGRICULTURE

Reduced sugar production has highlighted the need for diversified agriculture.

HIGHLIGHTS

- 414 crop farms in 2003, up 68 from 2002. There were increases in non-pineapple fruit and taro farms.
- Total farm acreage in 2003 was 150,000, down 10,000 from 2002.
- 600 farms total (including livestock operations) in 2003.
- The market value of agricultural products sold in 2003 was over \$45 million, with the largest increases coming from vegetables and flowers.
- Total value of livestock and aquaculture sales in 2003 was over \$4 million, down from over \$5 million in 2002.
- Kauai's 70 taro farms planted a total of 250 acres in 2003 and processed 3.3 million pounds of taro (the sta-

ple food of ancient Hawaiians and still used today for making poi and other products) with a total sales value of nearly \$1.8 million.

- The value of state coffee crop sales was over \$24 million (Production and sales information for Kauai, Honolulu and Maui counties is combined by the Hawaii Agricultural Statistics Service to avoid disclosure of individual operations.)
- The Tropical Fruit Disinfestation Facility is to be repaired.
- Gay & Robinson is exploring ethanol production at its sugar plantation.

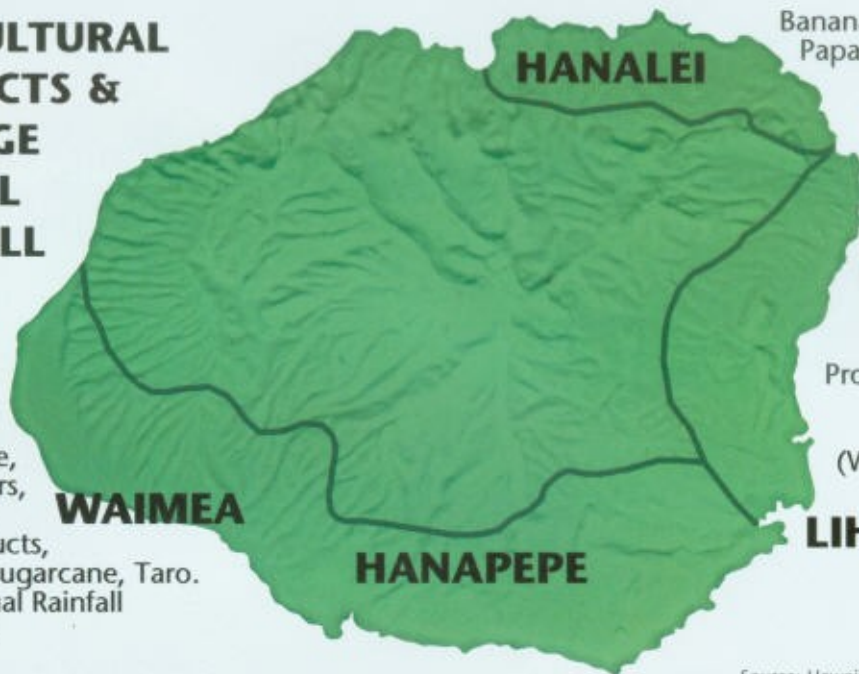
Source: Hawaii Agricultural Statistics Service and First Hawaiian Bank

TOP FIVE FLORICULTURE & NURSERY PRODUCTS OF HAWAII IN 2003

- Palms (potted)
- Dendrobiums (potted)
- Anthuriums (cut)
- Dracaena (potted)
- Dendrobiums (sprays)

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS & AVERAGE ANNUAL RAINFALL

WAIMEA
Aquaculture, Banana, Cattle, Coffee, Flowers, Hogs, Honey, Nursery Products, Seed Crops, Sugarcane, Taro.
Average Annual Rainfall is 22.4 inches



HANALEI
Bananas, Cattle, Guavas, Papayas, Taro, Tropical Specialty Fruit.
Average Annual Rainfall is 110 inches

KAPAA
Bananas, Cattle, Flowers, Nursery Products, Vegetables.
Average Annual Rainfall (Wailua) 84.2 inches

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Source: Hawaii Agricultural Statistics Service

HAWAII'S AGRICULTURAL GATEWAY

Information for agricultural business professionals, buyers, sellers, gardeners and educators: www.hawaiiag.org

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