

Annual Taro Growers Survey

For Calendar Year 2004

Please make any corrections to your name and address.

Complete the back portion and return this report by Oct. 8th

Dear Taro Grower:

Please help us compile accurate statistics on Hawaii's taro industry by completing and returning this questionnaire. Answers to some of the most commonly asked questions concerning this survey are listed below. If you have any additional questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at 973-9588 on Oahu or toll-free at 1-800-804-9514. Thank you for your cooperation.

Who is conducting this survey?

The Hawaii Agricultural Statistics is conducting this survey. We are a joint agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Hawaii Department of Agriculture. Because we strive to ensure the accuracy of our estimates, we often telephone those farm operations that did not return this questionnaire by October 8, 2004. If someone from our office does call you for information, it will be strictly for official business.

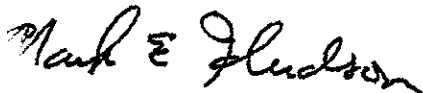
What is the purpose of this survey?

Results from this survey will enabled our agency to publish the *Hawaii Taro* report in January. Legislators, economists, bankers, suppliers, farmers, and others use that report to make important decisions. You may obtain a free copy of this report by checking the appropriate question on the back.

Will my answers be kept confidential?

Yes, Federal regulations will ensure that your response be kept confidential. Your report may be seen only by sworn employees and will only be used to prepare statistical summaries that will not reveal information about you as an individual.

Sincerely yours,



Mark Hudson
Director

Instructions:

Check the box next to the type of taro you grew in 2004 and make your best estimate of acres harvested, production (pounds), and the price (cents per pound) you received for the taro you sold in 2004. Please make your best estimate of any remaining acreage and production that will be harvested in 2004. Thank you.

Wetland Taro

Any taro grown under flooded conditions in natural or man-made paddies that are often referred to as *lo'i*.

Taro grown for:	Total acres as of Oct. 1 st	Acres harvested	Production (Pounds)	Farm price (Cents per pound)
Poi				
Leaves				
Other use: _____				
Other use: _____				

Upland/Dryland Taro

Any taro that is not grown under flooded conditions. These taro plants would depend on natural rainfall or irrigation water.

Taro grown for:	Total acres as of Oct. 1 st	Acres harvested	Production (Pounds)	Farm price (Cents per pound)
Poi				
Leaves				
Other use: _____				
Other use: _____				

Comments (disease, pests, farm prices, marketing, etc.): _____

Name of person completing this form: _____ Phone: _____

Location of farm (district name): _____ Date: _____



Thank you for your cooperation. Please return this questionnaire in the enclosed, self-addressed, envelope that requires no postage. Would like to receive a free copy our annual Hawaii Taro release to be published in January? Yes No

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