Climate & Soil

• Cool trade winds keep the climate of Hawaii mild all year.
• State average temp in July is 77°F, and in January 71°F.
• The average of amount precipitation is 400” in the mountains to less than 10” in the lowlands.
• Snow sometimes covers the highest points on the islands of Hawaii and Maui.
• The soil is very rich due to heavy rainfall.

Crops & Livestock

• Greenhouse and nursery products are the top commodities in the state. They account for almost a million dollars annually.
• Hawaii ranks sixth nationally for the sale of tree nuts.
• The island of Hawaii has several large cattle ranches. Cattle and calves are the fifth most important commodity in the state.
• The other top commodities in the state in 2008 were: sugarcane, macadamia nuts, and coffee.
• On the island of Oahu, dairy and egg farms are a major source of farm income.
• Pineapple is an important crop for the island of Maui.
• The islands of Maui and Kauai also raise cattle and hogs.

General

• Farmland accounts for 27% of Hawaii’s total land usage.
• The Alphabet for the native Hawaiian language only has 12 letters A E H I K L M N O P U W.
• Hawaii has 152 certified organic farm operations.
• The average age of a farm operator in Hawaii is 59 years old.
• Hawaii ranks 42nd nationally for total agricultural sales within the United States.