

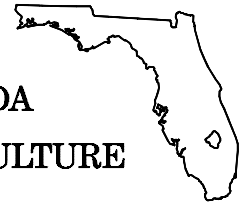


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TROPICAL FRUIT

PRODUCTION AND VALUE



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AVOCADO PRODUCTION AND VALUE

FLORIDA: Production of avocados increased from the previous season by 320,000 bushels, or almost 35 percent. This production of 1,240,000 bushels is the largest crop since the 1,340,000 bushels produced in the 1989-90 season. The record crop of 1,388,000 bushels was produced in the 1982-83 season.

Bearing acreage is estimated at 5,900 acres, unchanged from last season. The total value of the crop is a record \$17,236,000,

even though prices paid to growers for fruit delivered to the packinghouse door were down from the previous season.

OTHER STATES: While California's 2001-02 production is down seven percent, average prices and total value are up. Hawaii's production fell slightly as did the average price per bushel and total value. Bearing acreage for both states has declined over the last five years.

FLORIDA AVOCADOS: Bearing acreage, production, utilization, season average price, and value of production at packing house door for crop years 1993-94 through 2002-03

Season	Bearing acreage	Total production	Certified shipments	Local fresh use	Processing	Price per bushel	Value of production
	Acres	Bushels				Dollars	
1993-94	5,800	176,000	175,000	1,000	--	20.50	3,608,000
1994-95	5,700	800,000	779,000	21,000	--	15.40	12,320,000
1995-96	5,800	760,000	744,000	16,000	--	14.90	11,324,000
1996-97	5,700	940,000	918,000	22,000	--	13.20	12,408,000
1997-98	5,900	960,000	938,000	22,000	--	14.60	14,016,000
1998-99	6,000	920,000	891,000	29,000	--	17.90	16,468,000
1999-00	5,900	880,000	843,000	37,000	--	18.70	16,456,000
2000-01	6,000	1,040,000	1,005,000	35,000	--	14.60	15,184,000
2001-02	5,900	920,000	891,000	29,000	--	16.90	15,548,000
2002-03	5,900	1,240,000	1,203,000	37,000	--	13.90	17,236,000

OTHER STATES' AVOCADOS: Bearing acreage, production, season average price, and value of production at packing house door for selected years.

Season	Bearing acreage	Total production	Fresh shipments	Processing	Price per bushel	Value of production
	Acres	Bushels ^{1/}			Dollars	
CALIFORNIA						
1997-98	59,900	6,160,000	6,100,000	60,000	42.75	263,473,000
1998-99	59,400	5,440,000	5,440,000	--	60.00	327,002,000
1999-00	59,000	6,440,000	6,440,000	--	52.75	339,594,000
2000-01	59,000	8,520,000	8,520,000	--	37.00	315,842,000
2001-02	58,000	7,920,000	7,920,000	--	43.75	346,500,000
HAWAII						
1997-98	250	10,000	10,000	--	26.50	265,000
1998-99	240	10,000	10,000	--	26.00	260,000
1999-00	230	12,000	12,000	--	30.00	360,000
2000-01	220	12,800	12,800	--	29.00	371,000
2001-02	230	12,000	12,000	--	28.50	342,000

^{1/} Pounds converted to bushels at 50 pound equivalents.

MANGO PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Production and value of the mango crop is unavailable. Commercial shipments are very limited. Some mangoes are sold in specialty markets and as green fruit for processing. Total acreage has declined to 1,300 acres with few trees planted in the last few years.

FLORIDA MANGOES: Acreage, production, season average price, and value of production at packing house door for crop years 1997 through 2002

Crop year	Acreage			Bearing trees	Production and value		
	Total	(4 years) Non-bearing	Bearing		Bushels ^{1/}	Price	Total value
	Acres			1,000 trees	1,000 bushels	Dollars	1,000 dollars
1997	1,700	300	1,400	142	100	14.50	1,450
1998	NA	NA	1,400	139	NA	NA	NA
1999	NA	NA	1,400	142	NA	NA	NA
2000	1,700	0	1,700	165	NA	NA	NA
2001	1,700	0	1,700	165	NA	NA	NA
2002	1,300	0	1,300	126	NA	NA	NA

^{1/} 55 pounds

LEMON PRODUCTION AND ON-TREE VALUE

Lemon production increased to 155,000 boxes. Prices for fresh lemons were very good. "True" lemon varieties are primarily shipped fresh, with some processed. Production of Meyer lemons was limited and all of the fruit was processed.

FLORIDA LEMONS: Bearing acreage, production, season average on-tree prices and value for crop years 1997 through 2002

Season	True lemons			Meyer lemons			All lemons			
	Bearing acres	Production	Price per box	Bearing acres	Production	Price per box	Bearing acres	Production	Price per box	Value of production
		1,000 boxes	Dollars		1,000 boxes	Dollars		1,000 boxes	Dollars	1,000 dollars
1997	800	80	NA	100	40	NA	900	120	7.00	839
1998	900	155	NA	100	80	NA	1,000	235	6.45	1,516
1999	950	140	NA	100	30	NA	1,050	170	1.20	201
2000	900	240	NA	100	25	NA	1,000	265	3.50	921
2001	800	68	NA	100	17	NA	900	85	3.85	327
2002	700	150	NA	100	5	NA	800	155	13.30	2,061

LIME PRODUCTION

Estimates of production of limes have been discontinued. Less than 400 acres remain as most trees have been pushed out because of citrus canker.

FLORIDA LIMES: Utilization in bushels, 1997-98 through 2002-03 season

Season	Fresh use			Sold for processing	Total production
	Certified shipments	Local sales	Total fresh		
	Bushels				
1997-98	510,400	17,600	528,000	176,000	704,000
1998-99	645,400	10,600	656,000	144,000	800,000
1999-00	774,200	25,800	800,000	160,000	960,000
2000-01	344,000	8,000	352,000	48,000	400,000
2001-02	195,600	4,400	200,000	40,000	240,000
2002-03	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA