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ANNUAL PRODUCTION AND VALUE

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FLORIDA: Production of avocados for the 1983-84 season is 1,080,000 bushels, down 22 percent from last season's record high 1,388,000 bushels. Average packing house door price for all methods of sales is \$11.50 per bushel, down from last season's \$12.00. Summer and early fall prices were good, but were weaker through the winter months.

Bearing acres continues to increase, mostly in Dade and Collier counties. Some trees were lost to the Christmas, 1983

freeze in the northern fringe areas but no damage was reported in Dade County. A good bloom was observed in the primary growing areas.

CALIFORNIA: Total production for the 1982-83 crop year was 8,040,000 bushel equivalents. The California Avocado Commission is projecting shipments of 7,800,000 bushel equivalents for the 1983-84 season.

Table 1. Florida avocados: Bearing acreage, production, utilization, season average price and value of production at packing house door for crop years 1974-75 through 1983-84

Season	Bearing acres	Total production	Certified shipments	Local fresh use	Processing	Price per bushel	Value of production
	Acres	Bushels			Dollars		
1974-75	6,200	876,000	816,000	12,000	48,000	8.20	7,171,000
1975-76	6,400	1,160,000	1,098,000	10,000	52,000	10.00	11,600,000
1976-77	6,900	844,000	818,000	10,000	16,000	10.30	8,659,000
1977-78	7,300	428,000	412,000	8,000	8,000	17.25	7,383,000
1978-79	7,700	924,000	895,000	8,000	21,000	10.00	9,240,000
1979-80	8,300	1,090,000	1,017,000	21,000	52,000	14.95	16,298,000
1980-81	9,000	1,230,000	1,114,000	26,000	90,000	13.25	16,293,000
1981-82	9,300	1,032,000	977,000	23,000	32,000	12.50	12,935,000
1982-83	10,000	1,388,000	1,326,000	32,000	30,000	12.00	16,656,000
1983-84	10,800	1,080,000	1,032,000	28,000	20,000	11.50	12,420,000

Table 2. California avocados: Bearing acreage, production, season average price and value of production at packing house door for crop years 1974-75 through 1983-84

Season	Bearing acres	Total production 1/	Price per bushel	Value of production
	Acres	Bushels	Dollars	
1974-75	23,840	4,176,000	11.90	49,590,000
1975-76	25,710	2,336,000	25.90	60,561,000
1976-77	29,041	4,800,000	14.80	71,160,000
1977-78	34,410	4,280,000	18.50	79,180,000
1978-79	39,960	4,920,000	17.30	84,993,000
1979-80	44,370	3,000,000	37.40	112,200,000
1980-81	47,830	9,520,000	8.90	84,966,000
1981-82	64,800	6,280,000	17.20	108,173,000
1982-83	69,450	8,040,000	11.40	91,857,000
1983-84 2/	NA	7,800,000	NA	NA

1/ Pounds converted to bushels at 50 pounds per bushel, rounded to nearest thousands. 2/ Projected.

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