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ANNUAL PRODUCTION AND VALUE

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FLORIDA: Production of avocados for the 1982-83 season is a record high 1,388,000 bushels, 13 percent higher than the previous record 1980-81 season production of 1,230,000 bushels. The average packing house door price fell slightly to \$12.00 per bushel from last season's revised price of \$12.50 per bushel. Prices were reasonably good for the early maturing fruit, but were much lower through the winter months.

weather experienced over the past winter. A heavy bloom for the 1983-84 crop was observed in all production areas.

CALIFORNIA: Total production for the 1981-82 crop year, which ended October 31, 1982, was 6,200,000 equivalent bushels, 35 percent less than the previous season's total of 9,520,000 bushels. The California Avocado Commission is currently projecting shipments of 8,640,000 bushel equivalents for the 1982-83 season.

Growing conditions have been very good with no freezing

Table 1. Florida avocados: Bearing acreage, production, utilization, season average price and value of production at packing house door for crop years 1973-74 through 1982-83

Season	Bearing acres	Total production	Certified shipments	Local fresh use	Processing	Price per bushel	Value of production
	Acres	Bushels				Dollars	
1973-74	5,800	812,000	755,000	11,000	46,000	8.90	7,207,000
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	8,000	1,090,000	1,017,000	21,000	52,000	14.95	16,298,000
1980-81	9,100	1,230,000	1,114,000	26,000	90,000	13.25	16,293,000
1981-82 1/	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

1/ Revised.

Table 2. California avocados: Bearing acreage, production, season average price and value of production at packing house door for crop years 1973-74 through 1982-83

Season	Bearing acres	Total production 1/	Price per bushel	Value of production
	Acres	Bushels		Dollars
1973-74	20,715	2,120,000	19.90	42,135,000
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	6,200,000	17.00	105,400,000
1982-83 2/	NA	8,640,000	NA	NA

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

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