

Florida Specialty Crops



AVOCADOS
Annual Production and Value
April 17, 1981

FLORIDA: Production of avocados for the 1980-81 season reached a record 1,230,000 bushels, 13 percent more than the revised 1979-80 season production of 1,090,000 bushels. Average packing house door price per bushel was \$13.25, down 11 percent from last season's revised \$14.95 per bushel. Total value of sales remained at the same level as the previous season, approximately \$16,297,500.

Dade County avocado trees are in good condition following the mid January freeze and good bloom was experienced in March. Trees in other counties experienced heavy

freeze damage and will contribute little to production for the next season.

CALIFORNIA: The 1979-80 final production is 3,000,000 bushels (150,000,000 lbs.) about 40 percent less than the previous season. The current forecast of the 1980-81 season is for a record 8,820,000 bushels (441,000,000 lbs.). Several factors have led to this record forecast including increased bearing acreage, the alternating bearing cycle and near ideal growing conditions this season.

Table 1. Florida avocados: Bearing acreage, production, utilization, season average price and value of production at packing house door for crop years 1971-72 through 1980-81

Season	Bearing acres	Total production	Certified shipments	Local fresh use	Processing	Price per bushel	Value of production
	Acres	Bushels				Dollars	Dollars
1971-72	5,400	772,000	729,000	8,000	35,000	8.40	6,466,000
1972-73	5,600	752,000	705,000	10,000	37,000	8.00	6,003,000
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 1/	8,000	1,090,000	1,017,000	21,000	52,000	14.95	16,298,100
1980-81	9,100	1,230,000	1,114,000	26,000	90,000	13.25	16,297,500

1/ Revised.

Table 2. California avocados: Bearing acreage, production, season average price and value of production at packing house door for crop years 1971-72 through 1980-81

Season	Bearing acres	Total production 1/	Price per bushel	Value of production
	Acres	Bushels	Dollars	Dollars
1971-72	19,040	1,040,000	23.80	24,752,000
1972-73	19,610	2,816,000	13.60	38,368,000
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 2/	51,500	8,820,000	NA	NA

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

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