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# AVOCADOS & LEMONS



ANNUAL PRODUCTION AND VALUE

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## AVOCADOS

**FLORIDA:** Production of avocados for the 1984-85 season is 1,188,000 bushels, up 10 percent from last season's 1,080,000 bushels, but 14 percent less than the record high 1982-83 production of 1,388,000 bushels.

Average packing house door price at \$9.75 is the lowest in a decade and reflects increased shipments from Florida and California. Prices began strong in the summer months, decreased in

the fall when weekly volume was the heaviest, and then increased somewhat in the winter months. Bearing acreage increased slightly from last season.

**CALIFORNIA:** Total production for the 1983-84 crop year which ended last October was 9,840,000 bushel equivalents, a record high crop. A similar size crop is projected by the California Avocado Commission for the current season. Acreage has increased sharply in the last several years.

Table 1. **Florida avocados:** Bearing acreage, production, utilization, season average price and value of production at packing house door for crop years 1975-76 through 1984-85

Season	Bearing acres	Total production	Certified shipments	Local fresh use	Processing	Price per bushel	Value of production
	- Acres -	- - - - - Bushels - - - - -	- - - - - Bushels - - - - -	- - - - - Bushels - - - - -	- - - - - Bushels - - - - -	- - - - - Dollars - - - - -	- - - - - Dollars - - - - -
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	10,900	1,080,000	1,032,000	28,000	20,000	11.50	12,420,000
1984-85	11,000	1,188,000	1,156,000	22,000	10,000	9.75	11,563,000

Table 2. **California avocados:** Bearing acreage, production, season average price and value of production at packing house door for crop years 1975-76 through 1984-85

Season	Bearing acres	Total production 1/	Price per bushel	Value of production
	- - Acres - -	- - - - - Bushels - - - - -	- - - - - Dollars - - - - -	- - - - - Dollars - - - - -
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	72,300	8,080,000	11.50	92,920,000
1983-84	75,000	9,840,000	9.00	88,560,000
1984-85 2/	NA	9,880,000	NA	NA

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

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Bearing acres standing in the summer of 1984 are estimated at 1,600 acres of true lemons and only 500 acres of Meyers. More of the Meyer acreage, primarily in Manatee and Hillsborough counties, was lost or abandoned because of the January, 1985 freeze.

The average price received for all lemons in 1984 was \$6.00 per box. Prices for true lemons for fresh sales were down from last season, but processing prices were higher. The all lemon on-tree price in 1983 was \$8.10, primarily because of the high percentage packed for fresh sales.

Production of Florida lemons was 550,000 boxes in 1984, up 8 percent from 1983 production of 510,000 boxes. This is down considerably, however, from the 1980 production of 1,480,000 boxes and the 1972 record high production of 1,850,000 boxes.

True lemon production, primarily from the lower East Coast and south central counties, increased slightly to 485,000 boxes. Only about 55 percent of this production went into fresh channels. All Meyer lemon production at 65,000 boxes was processed.

**Florida Lemons: Bearing acreage, production, season average on-tree prices and value for crop years 1970 through 1984**

Season	True Lemons			Meyer Lemons			All Lemons			
	Bearing : acres	Production : ton	Price : Dollars	Bearing : acres	Production : ton	Price : Dollars	Bearing : acres	Production : ton	Price : Dollars	
1970	6.7	750	2.05	1.7	495	1.00	8.4	1,245	1.61	2,004
1971	7.1	1,140	2.50	1.6	325	1.50	8.7	1,465	2.23	3,267
1972	6.8	1,180	3.00	1.6	670	1.40	8.4	1,850	2.47	4,570
1973	6.3	1,010	3.25	1.6	590	1.45	7.9	1,600	2.58	4,128
1974	6.0	1,150	2.50	1.6	530	.70	7.6	1,680	1.92	3,231
1975	5.4	850	3.60	1.5	450	1.45	6.9	1,300	2.85	3,697
1976	5.6	900	2.45	1.4	470	1.30	7.0	1,370	2.05	2,808
1977	3.7	200	4.55	1.4	190	1.55	5.1	390	3.05	1,190
1978	3.5	370	5.25	1.4	330	1.60	4.9	700	3.50	2,450
1979	3.9	770	8.90	1.3	480	2.50	5.2	1,250	6.45	8,063
1980	3.8	850	7.90	1.3	630	3.95	5.1	1,480	6.20	9,204
1981	3.7	870	6.70	1.3	340	2.20	5.0	1,210	5.45	6,577
1982	2.0	140	13.30	1.2	580	2.00	3.2	720	4.20	3,005
1983	1.6	455	9.00	.7	55	.40	2.3	510	8.10	4,111
1984	1.6	485	NA	.5	65	NA	2.1	550	6.00	3,313



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