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AVOCADOS

FLORIDA: Total production of avocados for the 1988-89 season ended March 31 was 1,080,000 bushels, almost seven percent less than the 1,160,000 bushels produced in the 1987-88 season. Record high production was in the 1982-83 season when 1,388,000 bushels were utilized.

The average price of \$10.90 per bushel received by growers for fruit delivered to the packing house was up substantially from \$7.80 the previous season. The reduced crop in California and the increase in exports to Europe contributed to the increased price.

Total value of the crop at \$11,772,000 is the highest since the 1985-86 crop value of

\$16,416,000. Bearing acreage is estimated at 10,900 acres, down from the previous season's 11,300 acres.

CALIFORNIA: Production of the 1987-88 crop which ended last October was 7,120,000 bushel equivalents, down substantially from the 11,120,000 bushel equivalents produced in the 1986-87 season. Average price was \$28.00 per bushel, the highest since the 1979-80 season. Value of the crop was a record \$199,360,000.

Official projections of the 1988-89 crop size are not being made by the California Avocado Commission, but other industry analysts indicate a crop of about 8 million bushel equivalents.

Table 1. Florida avocados: Bearing acreage, production, utilization, season average price, and value of production at packing house door for crop years 1979-80 through 1988-89

Season	Bearing acreage	Total production	Certified shipments	Local fresh use	Processing	Price per bushel	Value of production
	Acres	Bushels	Bushels	Bushels	Bushels	Dollars	Dollars
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	1,180,000	1,150,000	20,000	10,000	9.75	11,505,000
1985-86	10,700	1,140,000	1,111,000	19,000	10,000	14.40	16,416,000
1986-87	11,300	988,000	957,000	25,000	6,000	10.30	10,176,000
1987-88	11,300	1,160,000	1,130,000	30,000	--	7.80	9,048,000
1988-89	10,900	1,080,000	1,058,000	22,000	--	10.90	11,772,000

Table 2. California avocados: Bearing acreage, production, season average price and value of production at packing house door for crop years 1979-80 through 1987-88

Season	Bearing acreage	Total production 1/	Price per bushel	Value of production
	Acres	Bushels	Dollars	Dollars
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	9,880,000	9.25	91,390,000
1984-85	73,000	8,000,000	14.55	116,400,000
1985-86	74,500	6,400,000	25.38	162,400,000
1986-87	75,000	11,120,000	8.45	93,964,000
1987-88	74,700	7,120,000	28.00	199,360,000

1/ Pounds converted to bushels at 50 pound equivalents.

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Production of all lemons in 1988 was 480,000 boxes, down slightly from 510,000 boxes produced in 1987. Fresh utilization of true lemons was 182,000 boxes, just 42 percent of the total true lemon production of 433,000 boxes. The remaining true production was processed. Meyer lemon production which was all processed was up slightly to 47,000 boxes from 40,000 boxes in 1987.

Average price received by growers was up slightly to \$5.30 per box from \$5.00 in the 1987 season. Fresh prices were up slightly and processing down. Total value of the crop was down slightly. Bearing acres are down slightly to 1,200 acres from 1,300 acres in 1987. Only about 100 acres of Meyer lemons remain in commercial production.

Florida Lemons: Bearing acreage, production, season average on-tree prices and value for crop years 1972 through 1988

True Lemons :
 Meyer Lemons :
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Year	Bearing acres	Production boxes	Price per box	Bearing acres	Production boxes	Price per box	Bearing acres	Production boxes	Price per box	Bearing acres	Production boxes	Price per box	Value of production
1972	6.8	1,180	3.00	1.6	670	1.40	8.4	1,850	2.47	4,570	1,600	2.58	4,128
1973	6.3	1,010	3.25	1.6	590	1.45	7.9	1,600	2.58	4,128	1,600	2.58	4,128
1974	6.0	1,150	2.50	1.6	530	1.70	7.6	1,680	1.92	3,231	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	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	1,370	2.05	2,808
1977	3.7	200	4.55	1.4	190	1.55	5.1	390	3.05	1,190	390	3.05	1,190
1978	3.5	370	5.25	1.4	330	1.60	4.9	700	3.50	2,450	700	3.50	2,450
1979	3.9	770	8.90	1.3	480	2.50	5.2	1,250	6.45	8,063	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	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	1,210	5.45	6,577
1982	2.0	140	13.30	1.2	580	2.00	3.2	720	4.20	3,005	720	4.20	3,005
1983	1.6	455	9.00	.7	55	.40	2.3	510	8.10	4,111	510	8.10	4,111
1984	1.6	485	NA	.5	65	NA	2.1	550	6.00	3,313	550	6.00	3,313
1985	1.3	275	NA	.1	55	NA	1.4	330	16.60	5,483	330	16.60	5,483
1986	1.3	560	NA	.1	60	NA	1.4	620	2.60	1,594	620	2.60	1,594
1987	1.2	470	NA	.1	40	NA	1.3	510	5.00	2,561	510	5.00	2,561
1988	1.1	433	NA	.1	47	NA	1.2	480	5.30	2,548	480	5.30	2,548

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