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LEMON PRODUCTION AND VALUE

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Production of Florida lemons in 1983 was 510,000 boxes, down 29 percent from the previous season's 720,000 boxes. True lemon production was almost 90 percent of the total with fresh shipments up considerably from the previous season. Meyer production on the West Coast was down to only 55,000 boxes.

The December, 1983 freeze has killed many trees, mostly Meyers, in the West Coast growing areas. Acreage of trues

in the Lower Interior and Lower East Coast areas has also declined. Acreages in the table below reflect summer, 1983 tree numbers.

True lemons returned \$9.00 per box, with over 70 percent of the 455,000 boxes shipped fresh. Meyer returned only \$.40 per box. Total value increased to \$4,111,000.

Florida lemons: Bearing acreage, production, season average on-tree prices and value for crop years 1969 through 1983

Season	True lemons			Meyer lemons			All lemons			
	Bearing acres	Production	Price per box	Bearing acres	Production	Price per box	Bearing acres	Production	Price per box	Value of production
	1,000 acres	1,000 boxes	Dols.	1,000 acres	1,000 boxes	Dols.	1,000 acres	1,000 boxes	Dols.	1,000 dols.
1969	6.3	890	1.75	1.7	620	1.05	8.0	1,510	1.47	2,220
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



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