



Production of Florida lemons in 1977 was 390,000 boxes, down sharply from the 1,370,000 boxes harvested in 1976. This was the smallest crop since production statistics have been reported, beginning in 1967.

The mid-January freeze in 1977 did considerable damage to the trees, and they set very little fruit last spring. Most of the fruit production was from a later than normal bloom. The greatest reduction came in the true lemon varieties.

Value of production at \$1,190,000 was

not down as sharply as production because of increased price per box. The \$3.05 on-tree price is for all methods of sales including fresh shipments which were mostly the true lemon varieties. However, fresh shipments in 1977 were down by more than half from the 1976 season. Value of production for the 1976 crop was revised upward by 24 percent to \$2,808,000, after processed products increased in value following the end of season freeze.

Lemon trees are in good condition and production for the 1978 season is expected to be larger than the short crop harvested in 1977.

Florida lemons: Bearing acreage, production, season average on-tree prices and value for crop years 1967 through 1977

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 dofs.
1967	5.2	230	1.70	1.4	380	1.10	6.6	610	1.32	805
1968	5.8	430	1.60	1.6	540	1.30	7.4	970	1.42	1,377
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 1/	5.4	200	4.55	1.2	190	1.55	6.6	390	3.05	1,190

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