



Production of Florida lemons in 1973 was down 14 percent from the record crop harvested in 1972. The Villa-Franca varieties and the Meyers both had a reduction in boxes. Removal of bearing acreage accounts for part of this loss.

On-tree price in 1973 was up slightly from that reported in 1972, but value of production declined due to the smaller total crop. Part of the True lemon crop is marketed through fresh channels, which contributes the higher box price. True lemons also yield more acid when

processed and sell at a higher price per pound than does Meyer fruit. Virtually all Meyer production is utilized by processors.

A revision was made in Meyer production for 1970, 1971 and 1972 crop years, due to additional processed volume not previously reported. The Meyer price per box was not affected but the all lemon price was lowered somewhat.

The lemon season in Florida begins with bloom in early spring and is completed with harvest in the summer and fall of the same calendar year.

Florida Lemons: Bearing Acreage, Production and Season Average on Tree Prices for Crop Years 1967 through 1973

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.
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 ^{1/}	6.7	750	2.05	1.7	495	1.00	8.4	1,245	1.61	2,004
1971 ^{1/}	7.1	1,140	2.50	1.6	325	1.50	8.7	1,465	2.23	3,267
1972 ^{1/}	6.8	1,180	3.00	1.6	670	1.40	8.4	1,850	2.47	4,570
1973	6.5	1,010	3.25	1.4	590	1.45	7.9	1,600	2.58	4,128

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