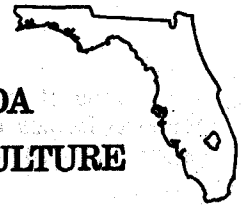




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TROPICAL FRUIT

PRODUCTION AND VALUE

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AVOCADO PRODUCTION AND VALUE

FLORIDA: Production of avocados for the 1995-96 season at 760,000 bushels is down five percent from the previous season's 800,000 bushels. The season ended March 31. Trees have recovered dramatically from Hurricane Andrew which devastated the south Dade County area in August 1992. An unusually high amount of fruit theft from the groves was reported this season.

Bearing acreage is up slightly to 5,800 acres with trees planted after the hurricane expected to start producing limited amounts of fruit next winter.

The average price for fruit delivered to the packing house door was down slightly to \$14.90 per bushel. Total crop value is estimated at \$11.3 million.

OTHER STATES: California's 1994-95 crop which ended harvest October 31 was up 12 percent from the previous season with prices and total value down. Hawaii production was the same as the previous season with slightly higher prices.

FLORIDA AVOCADOS: Bearing acreage, production, utilization, season average price, and value of production at packing house door for crop years 1986-87 through 1995-96

Season	Bearing acreage	Total production	Certified shipments	Local fresh use	Processing	Price per bushel	Value of production
	Acres	Bushels			Dollars		
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
1989-90	10,600	1,340,000	1,300,000	40,000	--	8.30	11,122,000
1990-91	9,000	784,000	752,000	17,000	15,000	17.10	13,406,000
1991-92	8,600	1,132,000	1,111,000	21,000	--	11.90	13,471,000
1992-93	8,400	288,000	284,000	4,000	--	14.60	4,198,000
1993-94	5,800	176,000	175,000	1,000	--	20.50	3,608,000
1994-95	5,700	800,000	779,000	21,000	--	15.40	12,320,000
1995-96	5,800	760,000	744,000	16,000	--	14.90	11,324,000

OTHER STATES' AVOCADOS: Bearing acreage, production, season average price, and value of production at packing house door for selected years.

Season	Bearing acreage	Total production	Fresh shipments	Processing	Price per bushel	Value of production
	Acres	Bushels 1/			Dollars	
CALIFORNIA						
1990-91	74,200	5,440,000	4,960,000	480,000	35.25	191,760,000
1991-92	73,500	6,240,000	5,720,000	520,000	29.25	182,520,000
1992-93	72,900	11,360,000	10,600,000	760,000	10.00	113,600,000
1993-94	72,500	5,560,000	5,280,000	280,000	45.25	251,590,000
1994-95	67,600	6,240,000	6,108,000	132,000	37.25	232,440,000
HAWAII						
1990-91	250	18,000	18,000	--	22.50	405,000
1991-92	280	16,800	16,800	--	23.50	395,000
1992-93	220	14,000	14,000	--	23.00	322,000
1993-94	250	10,000	10,000	--	22.00	220,000
1994-95	220	10,000	10,000	--	25.00	250,000

1/ Pounds converted to bushels at 50 pound equivalents.

MANGO PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Production of mangos in Florida for commercial shipments increased to an estimated 150,000 bushels with the price reduced to \$11.50 per bushel. Bearing acreage is

down slightly. Trees in Dade County have not recovered rapidly from Hurricane Andrew, and disease and bloom problems have limited fruit set each season.

FLORIDA MANGOS: Acreage, production, season average price, and value of production at packing house door for crop years 1990 thru 1995

Crop year	Acreage			Bearing trees	Production and value		
	Total	(4 years) Non-bearing	Bearing		Bushels 1/	Price	Total value
	Acres			1,000 trees	1,000 bushels	Dollars	1,000 dollars
1990	2,800	300	2,500	229	350	13.50	4,725
1991	2,700	200	2,500	232	500	12.30	6,150
1992	2,800	300	2,500	239	400	10.70	4,280
1993	1,600	0	1,600	149	50	19.00	950
1994	1,900	300	1,600	151	100	15.00	1,500
1995	1,800	400	1,400	137	150	11.50	1,725

1/ 55 pounds

LEMON PRODUCTION AND ON-TREE VALUE

Lemon production continues to decline with an estimated 165,000 90# boxes produced last season. "True"

lemon varieties are shipped fresh with some processed, and all of the Meyers are processed.

FLORIDA LEMONS: Bearing acreage, production, season average on-tree prices and value for crop years 1990 through 1995

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 boxes	Dollars		1,000 boxes	Dollars		1,000 boxes	Dollars	1,000 dollars	
1990	900	210	NA	100	40	NA	1,000	250	6.80	1,697
1991	800	254	NA	100	46	NA	900	300	12.60	3,784
1992	600	215	NA	100	40	NA	700	255	6.15	1,565
1993	600	167	NA	100	33	NA	700	200	10.00	1,998
1994	600	188	NA	100	32	NA	700	220	7.60	1,677
1995	600	130	NA	100	35	NA	700	165	8.25	1,361

LIME PRODUCTION

Lime production for the just completed 1995-96 season is 30 percent higher than the previous season. Trees

in Dade County have recovered and some planted after the storm are beginning to produce limited amounts of fruit.

FLORIDA LIMES: Utilization in bushels, 1990-91 through 1995-96 season

Season	Fresh use			Sold for processing	Total production
	Certified shipments	Local sales	Total fresh		
	Bushels				
1990-91	1,459,700	28,300	1,488,000	832,000	2,320,000
1991-92	1,680,800	31,200	1,712,000	848,000	2,560,000
1992-93	1,146,100	21,900	1,168,000	432,000	1,600,000
1993-94	228,500	11,500	240,000	80,000	320,000
1994-95	289,300	14,700	304,000	64,000	368,000
1995-96	371,400	12,600	384,000	96,000	480,000