

Florida Specialty Crops



AVOCADOS
Annual Production and Value
April 21, 1982

FLORIDA: Production of avocados for the 1981-82 season decreased 16 percent to 1,032,000 bushels from the record high 1980-81 season production of 1,230,000 bushels. Average packing house door price fell to \$9.70 per bushel from the 1980-81 season average of \$13.25. Total value of sales also decreased to \$10,004,000.

The January, 1982 freeze did not affect Dade County growing areas but did cause heavy wood damage in other areas. Heavy rains in Dade County in August caused root damage

and some tree mortality where water stood for several days. Most trees have recovered favorably and a good bloom was experienced.

CALIFORNIA: Total production for the 1980-81 season which ended October 31, 1981 was a record high 9,520,000 equivalent bushels. The California Avocado Commission is currently projecting shipments of 5,920,000 equivalent bushels during the 1981-82 season.

Table 1. Florida avocados: Bearing acreage, production, utilization, season average price and value of production at packing house door for crop years 1972-73 through 1981-82

Season	Bearing acres	Total production	Certified shipments	Local fresh use	Processing	Price per bushel	Value of production
	Acres	Bushels			Dollars		
1972-73	5,600	752,000	705,000	10,000	37,000	8.00	6,003,000
1973-74	5,800	812,000	755,000	11,000	46,000	8.90	7,207,000
1974-75	6,200	876,000	816,000	12,000	48,000	8.20	7,171,000
1975-76	6,400	1,160,000	1,098,000	10,000	52,000	10.00	11,600,000
1976-77	6,900	844,000	818,000	10,000	16,000	10.30	8,659,000
1977-78	7,300	428,000	412,000	8,000	8,000	17.25	7,383,000
1978-79	7,700	924,000	895,000	8,000	21,000	10.00	9,240,000
1979-80	8,000	1,090,000	1,017,000	21,000	52,000	14.95	16,298,000
1980-81	9,100	1,230,000	1,114,000	26,000	90,000	13.25	16,298,000
1981-82	9,300	1,032,000	977,000	23,000	32,000	9.70	10,004,000

Table 2. California avocados: Bearing acreage, production, season average price and value of production at packing house door for crop years 1972-73 through 1981-82

Season	Bearing acres	Total production 1/	Price per bushel	Value of production
	Acres	Bushels	Dollars	
1972-73	19,610	2,816,000	13.60	38,368,000
1973-74	20,715	2,120,000	19.90	42,135,000
1974-75	23,840	4,176,000	11.90	49,590,000
1975-76	25,710	2,336,000	25.90	60,561,000
1976-77	29,041	4,800,000	14.80	71,160,000
1977-78	34,410	4,280,000	18.50	79,180,000
1978-79	39,960	4,920,000	17.30	84,993,000
1979-80	44,370	3,000,000	37.40	112,200,000
1980-81	47,830	9,520,000	8.75	83,300,000
1981-82 2/	NA	5,920,000	NA	NA

1/ Pounds converted to bushels at 50 pounds per bushel, rounded to nearest thousands. 2/ Projected.

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