
ORANGE COUNTY CROP REPORT 2006

2006 VERSUS 2005

The total gross price at the first point of delivery value of Orange County agricultural products for the year 2006 was \$287,881,313 representing an 8% decrease compared to the 2005 overall income. Agricultural production values are based upon the free-on-board (f.o.b.) packed price at the first point of delivery, and include cost of production, harvesting, and preparation for market. Gross values, therefore, do not reflect net returns to the producer. Federal incentive, conservation and other support payments are excluded from this report.

In compliance with the California Food and Agricultural Code Section 2279, the Agricultural Commissioner compiles Orange County agricultural production information and then forwards this data to the California Department of Food and Agriculture.

The following are highlights of the 2006 Orange County Crop Report:

1. Strawberry production total value increased by 10% due to increased production.
2. Nursery stock value decreased by 11% due to decreased production.
3. Vegetable production acreage and value decreased.
4. Field crop value decreased due to a loss of acreage.

Confidentiality of Crop Production and Plant Production Data

Basic crop and plant production data are collected from many sources, and may include grower surveys, regulatory and inspection data, shipment data, industry assessments, etc. Farmers and growers provide crop information to the Agricultural Commissioner on a voluntary basis. These business and financial records are confidential under State and Federal statutes. Several examples include:

1. Plant production data and similar information and market or crop reports which are obtained in confidence from any person [Government Code Sections 6254(e) and 6255].
2. Lists of persons reporting and reports made by farmers, stockmen, processors, dealers, handlers, and others to the California Department of Food and Agriculture, California Agricultural Statistics Service, United States Department of Agriculture, or National Agricultural Statistics Service. [18 United States Code 1902, 7 United States Code 2276 and 2204g, and Government Code Section 6254(e)].
3. Individual reports of handlers of farm products required to be filed with the California Department of Food and Agriculture [Food and Agricultural Code Sections 58775 and 58781, and Government Code Section 6254(k)].

This report is produced each year with the outstanding partnership and cooperation of the agricultural industry in Orange County.

**2006 VERSUS 2005
SHOWING PERCENTAGE CHANGE**

Crop	2005	2006	Percentage Change
Animal Industry	\$430,933	\$421,433	-2%
Field	1,147,727	551,122	-52%
Nursery	240,609,723	214,946,359	-11%
Tree Fruit and Berry Crops	53,449,570	59,293,734	11%
Vegetables	16,599,448	12,668,665	-24%
Total	\$312,237,401	\$287,881,312	-8%

**ORANGE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION
STATISTICS FOR 2006**

TREE FRUIT AND BERRY CROPS

Strawberries had a 14% increase in production per acre from 2005 resulting in an increase of 10% in total value.

TREE FRUIT & BERRY CROP	ACREAGE BEARING	PRODUCTION (tons)	VALUE
Valencia Oranges	93	649	\$103,126
Other Tree Fruit & Berry Crops*	1,605	16,437	11,351,274
Strawberries	1,633	38,822	47,839,334
Total	3,331	55,908	\$59,293,734

*Includes - avocados, lemons, miscellaneous orchard crops and miscellaneous berry crops

NURSERY

Nursery stock and cut flowers continue to rank first in Orange County agricultural production. Gross returns decreased by \$25,663,364 from the previous year due to decreased production. The total nursery stock and cut flower income was \$214,946,359. Shipments to other states continued to help this industry.

NURSERY STOCK	PRODUCTION	F.O.B. VALUE
Ornamentals	29,741,551	\$171,013,918
Flat Stock (flats)	1,970,108	18,991,841
Cut Flowers & Cut Trees*	130,367	998,401
Potted Plants	4,703,772	23,942,199
Total		\$214,946,359

*Cut flowers (dozen) & Christmas Trees (trees)

ANIMAL INDUSTRY

The total value of livestock production was similar to the previous year with total income of \$421,433.

LIVESTOCK	PRODUCTION	F.O.B. VALUE
Miscellaneous Poultry	33	2,850
Miscellaneous Livestock*	725	418,583
Total	758	\$421,433

*Includes – cattle, sheep, lambs, hogs, pigs, rabbits and goats

VEGETABLES

The total value for the vegetable crops was \$12,668,665. This is a decrease of 24% from 2005 due to a decrease in acreage and production.

VEGETABLES	ACREAGE	PRODUCTION (tons)	F.O.B VALUE
Corn	14	116	\$69,600
Dry Onions	10	141	58,402
Tomatoes	13	90	117,336
Miscellaneous Vegetable Crops	1,162	11,309	12,423,327
Total	1,199	11,656	\$12,668,665

FIELD CROPS

Total field crop value decreased due to a loss of acreage and production.

FIELD CROPS	ACREAGE	PRODUCTION (tons)	F.O.B. VALUE
Miscellaneous* Field Crops & Pasture	9,790	519	\$551,122

*Includes – Barley grain, lima beans, garbanzo beans, pasture rental, and barley forage

FARM ACREAGE AND GROSS VALUE SUMMARY

BEARING ACREAGE

Crop	1986	1996	2006
Field	44,286	30,323	9,790
Tree Fruit and Berry Crops	9,908	4,479	3,331
Vegetables	8,942	6,496	1,199
Total	63,136	41,298	14,320

GROSS VALUE

Crop	1986	1996	2006
Animal Industry	\$2,368,500	\$691,100	\$421,433
Field	1,196,700	2,833,600	551,122
Nursery	121,186,700	143,536,000	214,946,359
Tree Fruit and Berry Crops	97,471,500	46,342,200	59,293,734
Vegetables	31,700,000	43,388,400	12,668,665
Total	\$253,923,400	\$236,791,300	\$287,881,313