
ORANGE COUNTY CROP REPORT 2007

2007 VERSUS 2006

The total gross price at the first point of delivery for Orange County agricultural products for the 2007 calendar year was \$255,215,451 representing an 11% decrease compared to the 2006 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 2007 Orange County Crop Report:

1. Strawberry value decreased by 14% due to decreased acreage.
2. Nursery stock value decreased by 13%.
3. Vegetable acreage and value decreased.
4. Field crop value decreased due to lack of rainfall.

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.

**2007 VERSUS 2006
SHOWING PERCENTAGE CHANGE**

CROP	2006	2007	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
Animal Industry	\$421,433	\$444,039	5%
Field	551,122	465,273	-16%
Nursery	214,946,359	187,151,606	-13%
Tree Fruit & Berry Crops	59,293,734	55,776,419	-6%
Vegetables	12,668,665	11,378,114	-10%
Total	\$287,881,313	\$255,215,451	-11%

**ORANGE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION
STATISTICS FOR 2007**

TREE FRUIT & BERRY CROPS

Strawberries had a 14% decrease in value and a 17% decrease in total production from 2006 to 2007 due to the loss of acreage.

TREE FRUIT & BERRY CROPS	ACREAGE BEARING	PRODUCTION (tons)	VALUE
Valencia Oranges	88	747	\$156,640
Other Tree Fruit & Berry Crops*	1,575	11,458	\$14,518,789
Strawberries	1,201	32,084	\$41,100,990
Total	2,864	44,289	\$55,776,419

*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 \$27,794,753 from the previous year. The total nursery stock and cut flower income was \$187,151,606. Shipments to other states continued to help this industry.

NURSERY STOCK	PRODUCTION	VALUE
Ornamentals	29,711,309	\$149,926,285
Flat Stock (flats)	1,505,028	\$18,580,766
Cut Flowers & Cut Trees*	162,350	\$1,020,000
Potted Plants	5,049,100	\$17,624,555
Total		\$187,151,606

*Cut flowers (per dozen) & Christmas Trees

ANIMAL INDUSTRY

The total value of livestock production was similar to the previous year with total income of \$444,039.

LIVESTOCK	PRODUCTION	VALUE
Poultry	30	\$2,450
Sheep	126	\$38,880
Swine	122	\$56,200
Miscellaneous Livestock*	461	\$346,509
Total	739	\$444,039

*Includes – cattle, rabbits and goats

VEGETABLES

Vegetable crops had a 10% decrease in value from 2006 to 2007 due to a decrease in acreage.

VEGETABLES	ACREAGE	PRODUCTION (tons)	VALUE
Carrots	5	22	\$22,025
Cauliflower	3	12	\$12,505
Corn	12	50	\$43,000
Cucumbers	33	407	\$475,257
Dry Onions	9	103	\$44,978
Squash	19	213	\$159,220
Tomatoes	11	94	\$149,385
Miscellaneous Vegetable Crops	906	10,561	\$10,471,744
Total	998	11,462	\$11,378,114

FIELD CROPS

Total field crop value decreased from 2006 to 2007 due to a loss of acreage and lack of rainfall.

FIELD CROPS	ACREAGE	PRODUCTION (tons)	VALUE
Miscellaneous* Field Crops & Pasture	9,290	267	\$465,273

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

FARM ACREAGE AND GROSS VALUE SUMMARY

BEARING ACREAGE

Crop	1987	1997	2007
Field	43,295	37,048	9,290
Tree Fruit & Berry Crops	9,279	4,325	2,864
Vegetables	7,947	6,220	998
Total	60,521	47,593	13,152

GROSS VALUE

Crop	1987	1997	2007
Animal Industry	\$3,958,500	\$588,600	\$444,039
Field	\$952,700	\$1,664,000	\$465,273
Nursery	\$126,212,500	\$165,727,200	\$187,151,606
Tree Fruit & Berry Crops	\$77,481,100	\$68,493,600	\$55,776,419
Vegetables	\$36,352,300	\$39,482,400	\$11,378,114
Total	\$244,957,100	\$275,955,800	\$255,215,451