
ORANGE COUNTY CROP REPORT 2008

2008 VERSUS 2007

The total gross price at the first point of delivery for Orange County agricultural products for the 2008 calendar year was \$227,989,517 representing an 11% decrease compared to the 2007 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 2008 Orange County Crop Report:

1. Strawberry value decreased by 5% due to decreased acreage.
2. Nursery stock value decreased by 12%.
3. Vegetable acreage and value remained about the same.
4. Field crop value increased due to an increase in planted acreage and higher production.

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.

**2008 VERSUS 2007
SHOWING PERCENTAGE CHANGE**

CROP	2007	2008	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
Animal Industry	\$444,039	\$177,281	-60%
Field	465,273	913,461	96%
Nursery	187,151,606	164,514,905	-12%
Tree Fruit & Berry Crops	55,776,419	50,873,570	-9%
Vegetables	11,378,114	11,510,300	1%
Total	\$255,215,451	\$227,989,517	-11%

**ORANGE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION
STATISTICS FOR 2008**

TREE FRUIT & BERRY CROPS

Strawberries had a 5% decrease in value from 2007 to 2008 due to the loss of acreage and production.

TREE FRUIT & BERRY CROPS	ACREAGE BEARING	PRODUCTION (tons)	VALUE
Valencia Oranges	77	945	\$133,107
Other Tree Fruit & Berry Crops*	1,566	11,827	\$11,641,977
Strawberries	1,024	26,246	\$39,098,486
Total	2,667	39,018	\$50,873,570

*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 \$22,636,701 from the previous year. The total nursery stock and cut flower income was \$164,514,905. Shipments to other states continued to help this industry.

NURSERY STOCK	PRODUCTION	VALUE
Ornamentals	25,470,749	\$129,571,293
Flat Stock (flats)	1,203,195	\$14,745,471
Cut Flowers & Cut Trees*	124,825	\$952,596
Potted Plants	4,575,792	\$19,245,545
Total	31,374,561	\$164,514,905

*Cut flowers (per dozen) & Christmas Trees

ANIMAL INDUSTRY

The total value of livestock production has decreased compared to 2007, with a total income of \$177,281.

LIVESTOCK	PRODUCTION	VALUE
Poultry	6	\$2,775
Sheep	140	\$47,644
Swine	107	\$42,304
Miscellaneous Livestock*	70	\$84,558
Total	323	\$177,281

*Includes – cattle, rabbits and goats

VEGETABLES

Vegetable crops had a 1% increase in value from 2007 to 2008.

VEGETABLES	ACREAGE	PRODUCTION (tons)	VALUE
Corn	22	123	\$113,060
Cucumbers	35	345	\$376,892
Dry Onions	10	114	\$58,850
Eggplant	2	5	\$2,800
Melons	14	452	\$40,952
Squash	34	553	\$505,257
Tomatoes	16	186	\$229,238
Miscellaneous Vegetable Crops	873	10,150	\$10,183,251
Total	1,006	11,928	\$11,510,300

FIELD CROPS

Total field crop value increased from 2007 to 2008 due to an increase in planted acreage and higher production.

FIELD CROPS	ACREAGE	PRODUCTION (tons)	VALUE
Miscellaneous* Field Crops & Pasture	9,855	570	\$913,461

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

FARM ACREAGE AND GROSS VALUE SUMMARY

BEARING ACREAGE

Crop	1988	1998	2008
Field	43,515	38,635	9,855
Tree Fruit & Berry Crops	9,218	4,442	2,667
Vegetables	8,493	4,936	1,006
Total	61,226	48,013	13,528

GROSS VALUE

Crop	1988	1998	2008
Animal Industry	\$5,040,300	\$452,800	\$177,281
Field	\$908,200	\$1,679,800	\$913,461
Nursery	\$123,927,200	\$168,384,100	\$164,514,905
Tree Fruit & Berry Crops	\$80,780,600	\$80,175,000	\$50,873,570
Vegetables	\$42,820,900	\$41,119,800	\$11,510,300
Total	\$253,477,200	\$291,811,500	\$227,989,517