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# ORANGE COUNTY CROP REPORT 2009

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## 2009 VERSUS 2008

The total gross price at the first point of delivery for Orange County agricultural products for the 2009 calendar year was \$192,100,324 representing a 16% decrease compared to the 2008 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 2009 Orange County Crop Report:

1. Strawberry value increased by 15% due to an increase in the value per ton.
2. Nursery stock value decreased by 23% due to current economic conditions.
3. Field crop value remained about the same.
4. Vegetable crop value, production and acreage increased.

### **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.

**2009 VERSUS 2008  
SHOWING PERCENTAGE CHANGE**

<b>CROP</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>PERCENTAGE CHANGE</b>
Animal Industry	\$177,281	\$246,978	39%
Field	913,461	875,688	-4%
Nursery	164,514,905	126,316,686	-23%
Tree Fruit & Berry Crops	50,873,570	51,062,700	0%
Vegetables	11,510,300	13,598,272	18%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$227,989,517</b>	<b>\$192,100,324</b>	<b>-16%</b>

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**ORANGE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION  
STATISTICS FOR 2009**

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**TREE FRUIT & BERRY CROPS**

Strawberries had a 15% increase in value from 2008 to 2009 due to the increase in value per ton.

<b>TREE FRUIT &amp; BERRY CROPS</b>	<b>ACREAGE BEARING</b>	<b>PRODUCTION (tons)</b>	<b>VALUE</b>
Valencia Oranges	73	559	\$53,291
Other Tree Fruit & Berry Crops*	1,619	10,458	\$5,887,637
Strawberries	1,114	25,680	\$45,121,772
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,806</b>	<b>36,697</b>	<b>\$51,062,700</b>

\*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 \$38,198,219 from the previous year. The total nursery stock and cut flower income was \$126,316,686. Shipments to other states continued to help this industry.

<b>NURSERY STOCK</b>	<b>PRODUCTION</b>	<b>VALUE</b>
Ornamentals	23,919,482	\$102,063,438
Flat Stock (flats)	673,917	\$11,275,251
Cut Flowers & Cut Trees*	30,744	\$524,805
Potted Plants	2,856,250	\$12,453,192
<b>Total</b>	<b>27,480,393</b>	<b>\$126,316,686</b>

\*Cut flowers (per dozen) & Christmas Trees

## ANIMAL INDUSTRY

The total value of livestock production has increased compared to 2008, with a total income of \$246,978.

<b>LIVESTOCK</b>	<b>PRODUCTION</b>	<b>VALUE</b>
<b>Poultry</b>	25	\$3,425
<b>Sheep</b>	101	\$30,748
<b>Swine</b>	90	\$42,857
<b>Miscellaneous Livestock*</b>	301	\$169,948
<b>Total</b>	<b>517</b>	<b>\$246,978</b>

\*Includes – cattle, rabbits and goats

## VEGETABLES

Vegetable crops had an 18% increase in value from 2008 to 2009.

<b>VEGETABLES</b>	<b>ACREAGE</b>	<b>PRODUCTION (tons)</b>	<b>VALUE</b>
Cabbage	21	372	\$124,650
Corn	11	41	\$41,200
Cucumbers	25	242	\$404,713
Dry Onions	6	43	\$10,950
Melons	6	36	\$31,380
Spinach	1	4	\$3,000
Tomatoes	12	181	\$201,550
Miscellaneous Vegetable Crops	949	11,928	\$12,780,829
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,031</b>	<b>12,847</b>	<b>\$13,598,272</b>

## FIELD CROPS

Total field crop production increased by 28% while the overall value decreased by 4%.

<b>FIELD CROPS</b>	<b>ACREAGE</b>	<b>PRODUCTION (tons)</b>	<b>VALUE</b>
<b>Miscellaneous* Field Crops &amp; Pasture</b>	<b>10,070</b>	<b>728</b>	<b>\$875,688</b>

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