
ORANGE COUNTY CROP REPORT 2013

2013 VERSUS 2012

The total gross price at the first point of delivery for Orange County agricultural products for the 2013 calendar year was \$137,039,330 representing a 1 percent increase compared to the 2012 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 2013 Orange County Crop Report:

1. Strawberry value decreased by 12 percent due to a decrease in acreage.
2. Nursery stock value increased by 4 percent due to recovering economic conditions.
3. Field crop values decreased by 39 percent due to the California drought.
4. Vegetable crop value increased by 6 percent.

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)].

- 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.

2013 VERSUS 2012
SHOWING PERCENTAGE CHANGE

CROP	2012	2013	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
Animal Industry	\$375,953	\$396,010	5%
Field	\$696,850	\$425,653	-39%
Nursery	\$70,630,679	\$73,567,293	4%
Tree Fruit & Berry Crops	\$44,120,251	\$40,984,835	-7%
Vegetables	\$20,486,704	\$21,665,539	6%
Total	\$136,310,437	\$137,039,330	1%

**ORANGE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION
STATISTICS FOR 2013**

TREE FRUIT & BERRY CROPS

Strawberries had a 12 percent decrease in value from 2012 to 2013.

TREE FRUIT & BERRY CROPS	ACREAGE BEARING	PRODUCTION (tons)	VALUE
Valencia Oranges	71	492	\$112,012
Other Tree Fruit & Berry Crops*	1,698	15,654	\$14,306,121
Strawberries	803	23,191	\$26,566,702
Total	2,572	39,337	\$40,984,835

*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 increased by \$2,936,614 from the previous year. The total nursery stock and cut flower income was \$73,567,293. Shipments to other states continued to help this industry.

NURSERY STOCK	PRODUCTION	VALUE
Ornamentals	12,454,227	\$56,947,117
Flat Stock (flats)	227,937	\$9,847,578
Cut Flowers & Cut Trees*	49,464	\$713,591
Potted Plants	777,313	\$6,059,007
Total	13,508,941	\$73,567,293

*Cut flowers (per dozen) & Christmas Trees

ANIMAL INDUSTRY

The total value of livestock production has increased 5 percent compared to 2012, with a total income of \$396,010.

LIVESTOCK	PRODUCTION	VALUE
Goats	29	\$9,365
Sheep	119	\$41,564
Swine	120	\$61,730
Miscellaneous Livestock*	451	\$283,351
Total	719	\$396,010

*Includes: cattle, rabbits, and poultry

VEGETABLES

Vegetable crops had a 6 percent increase in value from 2012 to 2013.

VEGETABLES	ACREAGE	PRODUCTION (tons)	VALUE
Beets	2	4	\$6,925
Broccoli	5	17	\$32,560
Cauliflower	3	13	\$27,800
Onions, dry & green	4	9	\$21,810
Tomatoes	15	186	\$350,552
Watermelon	5	93	\$40,860
Miscellaneous Vegetable Crops*	1,052	16,256	\$21,185,032
Total	1,086	16,578	\$21,665,539

*Per the United States Department of Agriculture National Agricultural Statistics Service, Disclosure Rules: Where there are less than three producers of one product or where one producer is responsible for 60 percent or more of the product entering the marketplace, the product total must be combined with other products to avoid disclosure of the business affairs of the firms involved.

FIELD CROPS

Total field crop production and value decreased in 2013 compared to 2012.

FIELD CROPS	ACREAGE	PRODUCTION (tons)	VALUE
Miscellaneous Field Crops & Pasture*	18,816	338	\$425,653

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