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## **ORANGE COUNTY CROP REPORT 2012**

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### **2012 VERSUS 2011**

The total gross price at the first point of delivery for Orange County agricultural products for the 2012 calendar year was \$136,310,437 representing a 7 percent decrease compared to the 2011 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 2012 Orange County Crop Report:

1. Strawberry value decreased by 5 percent due to a decrease in production.
2. Nursery stock value decreased by 11 percent due to a decrease in production.
3. Field crop values decreased by 44 percent due in part to lack of rainfall.
4. Vegetable crop value increased by 12 percent due to a rise in 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.

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**SHOWING PERCENTAGE CHANGE**

<b>CROP</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>PERCENTAGE CHANGE</b>
Animal Industry	\$319,052	\$375,953	18%
Field	\$1,234,321	\$696,850	-44%
Nursery	\$79,116,798	\$70,630,679	-11%
Tree Fruit & Berry Crops	\$46,879,663	\$44,120,251	-6%
Vegetables	\$18,347,870	\$20,486,704	12%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$145,897,704</b>	<b>\$136,310,437</b>	<b>-7%</b>

**ORANGE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION  
STATISTICS FOR 2012**

**TREE FRUIT & BERRY CROPS**

Strawberries had a 5 percent decrease in value from 2011 to 2012.

<b>TREE FRUIT &amp; BERRY CROPS</b>	<b>ACREAGE BEARING</b>	<b>PRODUCTION (tons)</b>	<b>VALUE</b>
Valencia Oranges	71	681	\$155,790
Other Tree Fruit & Berry Crops*	1,692	16,010	\$13,817,564
Strawberries	879	21,348	\$30,146,897
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,642</b>	<b>38,039</b>	<b>\$44,120,251</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 \$8,486,119 from the previous year. The total nursery stock and cut flower income was \$70,630,679. Shipments to other states continued to help this industry.

NURSERY STOCK	PRODUCTION	VALUE
Ornamentals	11,071,186	\$53,169,749
Flat Stock (flats)	267,447	\$11,432,209
Cut Flowers & Cut Trees*	99,617	\$806,763
Potted Plants	877,457	\$5,221,958
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,315,707</b>	<b>\$70,630,679</b>

\*Cut flowers (per dozen) & Christmas Trees

## ANIMAL INDUSTRY

The total value of livestock production has increased compared to 2011, with a total income of \$375,953.

LIVESTOCK	PRODUCTION	VALUE
Goats	50	\$11,025
Sheep	94	\$25,787
Swine	107	\$48,497
Miscellaneous Livestock*	681	\$290,644
<b>Total</b>	<b>932</b>	<b>\$375,953</b>

\*Includes: cattle, rabbits, and poultry

## VEGETABLES

Vegetable crops had a 12 percent increase in value from 2011 to 2012.

<b>VEGETABLES</b>	<b>ACREAGE</b>	<b>PRODUCTION (tons)</b>	<b>VALUE</b>
Broccoli	6	20	\$57,650
Carrots	2	14	\$28,100
Cucumbers	37	902	\$1,186,493
Lettuce	6	32	\$76,150
Onions, dry	3	20	\$32,950
Pumpkins	11	187	\$53,072
Tomatoes	20	387	\$236,311
Miscellaneous Vegetable Crops	1,385	21,631	\$18,815,978
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,470</b>	<b>23,193</b>	<b>\$20,486,704</b>

## FIELD CROPS

Total field crop production and value decreased in 2012 compared to 2011.

<b>FIELD CROPS</b>	<b>ACREAGE</b>	<b>PRODUCTION (tons)</b>	<b>VALUE</b>
Miscellaneous Field Crops & Pasture	19,200	625	\$696,850

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