

Freeze Destroys Citrus in Florida

Fact Sheet

Event date: Freezes of 1894-1895

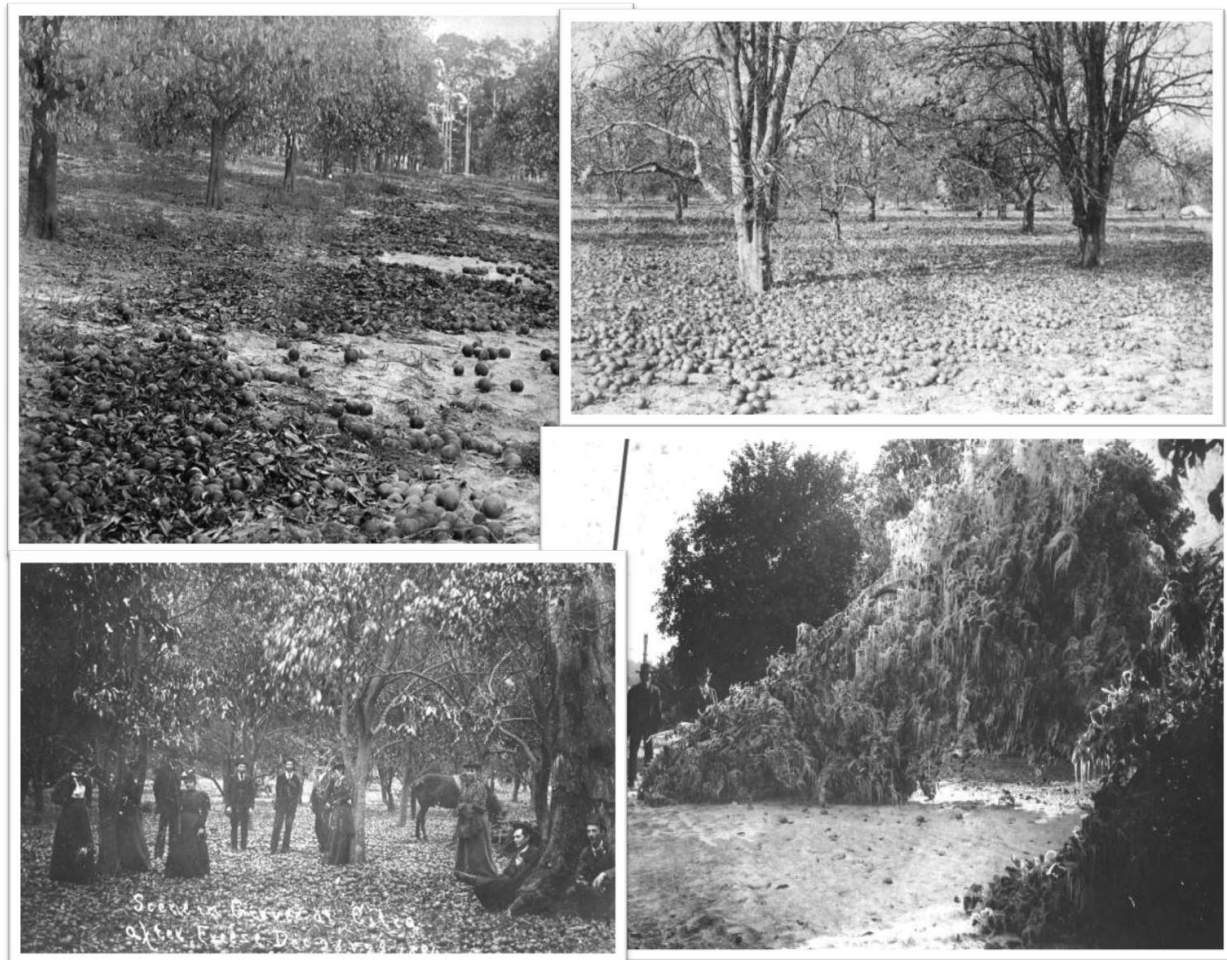


Figure 1. Pictures of frost and freeze damaged crops in Florida's citrus belt.

Summary of event:

The winter of 1894 to 1895 experienced two severe freezes (mid December and mid February) separated by an unusually warm spell. Groves damaged by the December freeze had produced tender new vegetation prior to the February event, leaving them especially



vulnerable. Damage by these freezes and another in 1899 put many north-central and northeast Florida producers out of business.

Links for more information:

http://www.flcitrusmutual.com/industry-issues/weather/freeze_timeline.aspx.

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