



Freeze Destroys Crops in Florida

Fact Sheet

Event date: January and February, 1905

Event severity: Plant City, FL 15° F

Event severity: Brooksville, FL 18° F

Event severity: Tarpon Springs, FL 21° F

Event severity: St. Leo, FL 22° F

Event severity: Tampa, FL 23° F

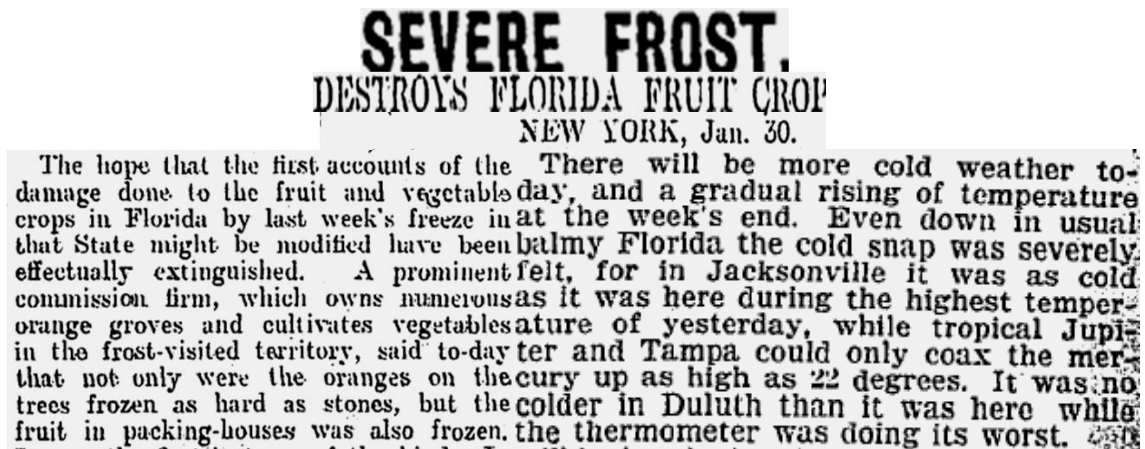


Figure 1. Newspaper article on frost severity.

Summary of event: The freeze of 1905 was extremely severe, and caused untold amounts of damage to the citrus and winter vegetable industry in Florida. Some citrus groves were killed to the ground, and oranges were, "frozen as hard as stones." A prominent commission firm at the time said that the citrus groves were, "practically annihilated," and that the farmers and the produce merchants experienced heavy financial loss due to the severity of the freeze.

Acknowledgements: The New York Times, January 27, 1905. Poverty Bay Herald, February 21, 1905.