

FLORIDA AGRICULTURE



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Rebuilding.
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Hurricane Wilma dealt a severe blow to many segments of Florida's agricultural community. I have personally viewed damage to Florida crops and infrastructure, and can say without hesitation that it is more extensive than any I have witnessed in my lifetime. Despite this, I am proud to report that the spirit of our producers remains strong and they are committed to bringing Florida products to market as quickly as possible. They are working hard to ensure that adequate supplies of fresh Florida fruits and vegetables are available this season.

Florida takes pride in being "America's Winter Salad Bowl" by supplying most of our nation's winter crops. This year will be no exception. Although our harvests will be 30 to 45 days later than normal, we assure you that fresh Florida produce will be available for your customers to enjoy. Just as they have done in the past, our State's agricultural producers are demonstrating their resiliency and are overcoming near-impossible odds. They are proud of the "Fresh from Florida" reputation. They are replanting. They are rebuilding. They are remarkable.

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