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AGRICULTURE LAW & COMPLEX LITIGATION

STEPS FOR ASCERTAINING CROP LOSS

- STEP 1 Ascertain yield of affected field by obtaining packout report from packing house.
- STEP 2 Ascertain price received by box or cartons shipped, and check for quality adjustments.
- STEP 3 Ascertain market price by obtaining state or federal reports or reports from established farmer organization such as a tomato committee or Florida citrus mutual.
- STEP 4 Ascertain from farmer when he believes crop should have picked but for event affecting crops.
- STEP 5 Try to find field of identical variety planted in same season by your farmer which he believes was unaffected by whatever harmed first field.
- STEP 6 Calculate yield of field by segregating packout records and, using identical method used in ascertaining yield in first field, and check for quality variance.
- STEP 7 Assuming rolls of plastic of same length were used in both fields, compare boxes picked per roll of fields to ascertain difference in yields.
- STEP 8 Multiply difference in yields by market price to obtain gross loss.
- STEP 9 Give credit for salvage or dollars received for affected field.
- STEP 10 Subtract from gross loss figure picking, packing costs and commissions that would have been incurred but were not because crop did not produce.
- STEP 11 Review formula: value of the crop to be raised less salvage, and less any costs which would have been incurred but were not, adding interest from date of last pick.