

The Great Freeze of 1885-1886

Fact Sheet

Event date: Freeze of 1885 - 1886

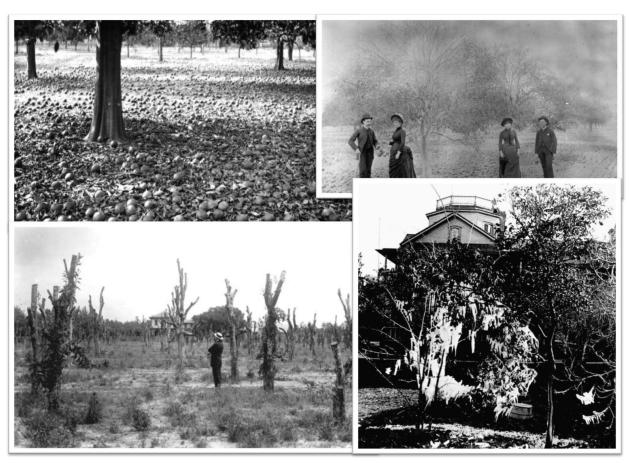


Figure 1. Photographs from the Florida Photographic Collection.

Summary of event: Extreme damage occurred in the south as citrus crop loss was intense. About \$1 million worth of oranges froze in the south. Pineapple plants were killed to the ground in peninsular Florida

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A MILLION DOLLARS' WORTH OF ORANGES FROZEN IN FLORIDA.

of January; certainly it is the longest and hardest cold spell within my recollection. During former severe spells the temperature has sunk suddenly to a very low degree, and soon after risen; but the present cold seems to have come with a determination to remain with us all Winter. There have been nearly five weeks of very cold weather here, and for three successive days we have been treated to continued ice.

With few exceptions, all the pine-apple plants of the main-land of Florida were killed to the ground by the great freeze of January, 1886, while in many cases on Key Largo and the other keys the leaves of the plants were whitened.

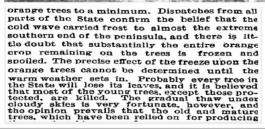




Figure 2. Photographs and newspaper clippings.

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