

SENATE STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

Prepared By: Governmental Oversight & Productivity Committee

BILL: SB 574

SPONSOR: Senators Haridopolos and Posey

SUBJECT: Official Fruit of Florida

DATE: February 2, 2005

REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	<u>Mayfield</u>	<u>Poole</u>	<u>AG</u>	Favorable
2.	<u>Rhea</u>	<u>Wilson</u>	<u>GO</u>	Favorable
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I. Summary:

This bill designates the orange (*Citrus sinensis* and hybrids thereof) as the official state fruit.

This bill creates section 15.0315, Florida Statutes.

II. Present Situation:

To date, no fruit is designated as the official state fruit.

Chapter 15, F.S. designates official state emblems. Currently, there are designations for a state tree, beverage, citrus archive, shell, stone, gem, wildflower, play, animal, freshwater fish, saltwater fish, marine mammal, saltwater mammal, butterfly, reptile, air fair, rodeo, festival, moving image center and archive, litter control symbol, pageant, opera program, renaissance festival, railroad museums, transportation museum, soil, fiddle contest, band, and sports hall of fame.

Florida produces more oranges than any state in the nation. According to information obtained from the USDA,¹ in 2000, Florida had 762,400 acres in citrus production. Of this, 602,100 acres were in orange production, 114,100 acres were in grapefruit production, with the remaining acreage in lemons, limes, tangelos, temples, and tangerines. The Florida citrus industry generates more than \$8 billion in economic activity in the state and employs over 100,000 people in the industry or related businesses.

¹ Staff made a number of attempts to obtain up-to-date information from the Department of Citrus regarding the total percentage of each type of citrus grown in the state; as of the date of this analysis, no response was provided.

As of 2002, there were over 600,000 acres of orange groves in the State of Florida and over 85,000,000 orange trees. Total orange production in 2002 was over 200,000,000 boxes.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

Section 1. Creates s. 15.0315, F.S., to designate the orange (*Citrus sinensis* and hybrids thereof) as the official fruit of Florida.

Section 2. Provides that the act takes effect upon becoming law.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

None.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Summary of Amendments:

None.

This Senate staff analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's sponsor or the Florida Senate.
