

Growing Lemons in Australia - a production manual

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The manual has only been produced in an electronic format. It is available to industry on the Australian Citrus Growers website at www.austcitrus.org.au.

The manual provides information on all aspects of commercial lemon production. It is designed to provide both detailed information and key tips on all aspects of growing, harvesting and marketing lemons. The manual is suitable for all sectors of the industry including new and established growers, orchard staff and managers and technical and industry advisors.

Prior to establishing a commercial lemon orchard refer to the sections on varieties, rootstocks, climatic requirements and orchard establishment which provide key information to help in the planning process.

The manual provides information on nutrition, irrigation, canopy and crop management, pests, diseases and their control, harvesting and postharvest handling procedures.

There is a section on marketing which is a summary of a more comprehensive document "*Identification of Export Markets for Australian Fresh Lemons*" produced in 2002 by Australian Business Limited and commissioned for this project. A full copy of this report is available from Horticulture Australia or the author.

Selected Australian lemon growers have also provided an insight into their key management practices in the Grower Case Studies section of this manual.

There are sections providing a comprehensive summary of published papers, citrus industry contacts and websites.

Each section of this manual is a separate PDF document, allowing the reader to download and print only those sections of interest. Each section directs the reader to other parts of the manual for further information and identifies key references on the topic.

The following page outlines the contents of the manual and the length of each section.

The author welcomes any comments, feedback, further information or notification of any errors.

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