

# Florida Lettuce Fast Facts

## The Numbers

- Value and production estimates for lettuce have been discontinued by state agencies since the mid-1990s.

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### **Growing season**

- Planted mid-August through March
- Harvesting begins mid-October through November
- Most active December through April
- Ends in May

### **Harvest method**

- Most lettuce is hand-picked
- The spring salad mix lettuce is harvested with a suction-type mechanical harvester

### **Number of pickings**

- Almost all lettuce is picked just once
- Sometimes romaine is picked twice if the price is favorable

### **Common pests and diseases**

- Aphids, cabbage looper, leafhoppers, six-spotted leafhopper, vegetable weevil, wireworms, alternaria leaf spot, bacterial leaf spot, botrytis, corky root rot, camping-off, downy mildew, drop, erwinia soft rot, mosaic, rhizoctonia bottom rot, tipburn



### *Sources:*

2010 Florida Agriculture Statistical Directory  
<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/PI070>