



## Exchange Lemon Products Collection

*c. 1927-1988 (predominantly 1927-1939)*  
*97 textual records | 1 linear foot | 2 boxes*

In 1915, California Fruit Growers Exchange organized a company, the *Exchange By-Products Company* to manufacture by-products from lower grades of lemons. Corona was chosen because it occupied a central position in the lemon producing area, because there were good rail facilities from the groves to Corona, and from there to marketing centers and finally, because the Queen Colony Fruit Exchange had donated a factory site for the proposed plant. The company's membership was the same as the California Fruit Growers Exchange, although maintaining a separate board of directors. The business was handled on a cooperative basis with the growers receiving the full returns for by-products after the cost of operation was deducted. Originally, the plant processed lemons for citric acid and lemon oil. By using everything from peel to pulp processing not only expanded markets but helped to limit the potential of lower prices that could result from too much fresh fruit going to markets. In 1921 the name was changed to *Exchange Lemon Products Company* to differentiate it from orange processing plants. By 1924, the company had added pectin which was developed by the Exchange's Research Laboratory. Juice products began shipment in 1923 but not until 1950 when the expanding market for frozen concentrate of lemonade required a greater emphasis on juice products. In 1958, the product specification list was 227 items.

In 1958 the Exchange Lemon Products Company merged with Sunkist Growers, Inc. in order to ensure the most effective use of the processing plants and their marketing capabilities. It became known as the *Lemon Products Division for Sunkist Growers, Inc.* The main purpose of this division was again the processing of surplus lemons from the Sunkist Lemon Packing Associations into valuable products highly useful to the company. In January 1981, Sunkist announced it had decided to shut down most of the Corona processing plant by 1982. The reasons for the decision were as follows: most of the Corona Plant was built about sixty years previously and was obsolete. Second, there had been a gradual shift of the citrus growing region out of Southern California to Central California. Finally, the company had a large problem meeting the local environmental control specifications. All operations ceased in 1983 when Sunkist opened a new facility in Tipton.

This collection consists of administrative records (1926-1981); laboratory reports (pectin reports 1927-1939, misc. company reports 1927-1967); information files (1921-1988); marketing records (1947-1979)

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**Inventory:**

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<b>Series 1</b>		<b>Administrative Records</b>	
M005/1	F2	Business Card for Homer H. Holton, Chief Chemist Exchange Lemon Products Co. Agreement Between Exchange Lemon Products Company and Its Employees, 2 May 1927. Tariff Schedule A. Chemicals, Oils and Paints. Brief of Facts relating to the Recovery of Citrus By-Products presented to the Committee on Ways and Means, House of Representatives by the Exchange By-Products Company of Corona, California. January 1921.	3 leaves + 1 booklet
M005/1	F3	Annual Report of the General Manager of the California Fruit Growers Exchange for the Year Ended October 31 - 1926, 1927, 1929-1933, 1935, 1936, 1938, 1939, 1941, 1943.	13 booklets
M005/1	F4	Annual Report Exchange Lemon Products Company, 1950-51	1 book
M005/1	F5	Annual Report Sunkist Growers, Inc. Association, 1980	1 book
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M005/1	F8	Supervisors Club: Who's Who, 1964-1965	1 book
<b>Series 2</b>		<b>Laboratory Reports</b>	
M005/1	F9	Pectin Report for months Jan through Jun 1927 Summary of Pectin Complaints from 1 Jan 1927 – 24 Jan 1929 A study of the keeping quality of Standardized Alum Pectin, Mar 1927 Examination of Pen-Jel, 8 Jun 1927 Examination of Dainty Maid Pectin, 8 Jun 1927 Examination of Kwik-Set Pectin, 15 Jun 1927 Analysis of Jelzit Pectin, Aug 1927 Analysis of Skinner's Pectin, 3 Aug 1927 Analysis of Certo, 20 Sept 1927 Supplementary Report on Skinner's Pectin, 6 Oct 1927	99
M005/1	F10	Supplementary Report on Dainty Maid Pectin, 28 Mar 1928 Letter to Mr. House (on Pectin) from J.E. Kirkpatrick, 22 May 1928 Proposed Laboratory Oranges, 23 May 1928 Building for Semi-Plant Scale Experiments, 23 May 1928 Laboratory Exchange Lemon Products Co., Pectin Report, January 1929 Laboratory Exchange Lemon Products Co., Pectin Report, February 1929 Laboratory Exchange Lemon Products Co., Pectin Report, March 1929 Laboratory Exchange Lemon Products Co., Pectin Report, April 1929 Laboratory Exchange Lemon Products Co., Pectin Report, May-June 1929 Laboratory Exchange Lemon Products Company, Pectin Operating Report, July 1929 Laboratory Exchange Lemon Products Company, Pectin Operating Report, August 1929	86

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M005/1	F11	<p>Exchange Lemon Products Company Laboratory Report, File No. 10, Pectin: Production Investigation, March 1934</p> <p>Exchange Lemon Products Company Laboratory Report, File No. 10, Pectin: Production Investigation, June 1935</p> <p>Exchange Lemon Products Company Laboratory Report, File No. 10, Pectin: Production Investigation, January 1936</p> <p>Exchange Lemon Products Company Laboratory Report, File No. 10, Pectin: Production Investigation, March 1936</p> <p>Exchange Lemon Products Company Laboratory Report, File No. 10, Pectin: Production Investigation, February 1937</p> <p>Exchange Lemon Products Company Laboratory Report, File No. 10, Pectin: Production Investigation, February 1937</p> <p>Laboratory Exchange Lemon Products Co., Samples of Pectin from E.O.P.CO?, 13 Mar 1939</p>	82
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<b>Series 3</b>	<b>Information Files</b>		
M005/2	F13	<p>“Ultra-Modern Plant for Sunkist Lemonade” reprinted from Western Canner &amp; Packer, Oct 1951 (4 pages)</p> <p>“They Use Every Part of Fruit in Full Product Line” and “How Lemon Oil is Made” reprinted from <i>Food Engineering</i>, Sep 1952 (8 pages)</p> <p>“Engineering Quality Pectins” &amp; “Making Pectin from Lemons” reprinted from <i>Food Engineering</i> Nov 1952 (8 pages)</p> <p>2 copies of “Citrus Acid from Lemons” and “Their Waste-Salvage Process – Balances Multi-Production Operation” reprinted from <i>Food Engineering</i>, Jun 1953 (16 pages)</p> <p>“Better Pectins, They Improve Many Processed Foods” photocopied from <i>Food Engineering</i>, Jun 1953</p> <p>“Quality Control and Sanitation of Frozen Lemon Juice Products” reprinted from <i>Frosted Food Field</i>, Jul 1956</p>	10

M005/2	F14	News from the Homefront, Company Newsletter to employees, dated May 1944. Front cover states "Same Business - Same Location With A Few Variations: 4th War Bond Drive, Regular Exercise, The Girls Work Here Now" the illustration accompanying this is signed 'LW'. ELP Co. News, Company newsletter to employees, dated Jul 1944.	16
M005/2	F15	<i>Food Engineering</i> trade magazine, June 1953, Vol. 25, No. 6. Article "Their Waste-Salvage Process Balances Multi-Product Operation: Flourishing "six-sided setup" is profitably linked by production of quality citric acid from lemon culls" by Homer H. Holton and C.R. Havighorst on pp. 58-60, 175, 177.	1 magazine
M005/2	F16	2 copies of Description of Lemon Products Division, November 1964. Description of Lemon Products Division, March 1967. Includes information on capacity and map of the plant. Copy of cover for, "25 Year Club" with information about the committee on the back of the page. Dated 10 Dec 1953 Hand written report, "Items RE Lemon Products Division of Sunkist Growers (Formerly Exchange Lemon Products Co.)" dated Feb 1981 Handwritten Data on, "Lemon Oil Source in the Fruit" dated 11 Oct 1988 Paper – "Preservation of Sunkist Building A & B" by Gloria D. Scott, History 260. Dated circa 1982	28
M005/2	F17	Photocopy of a photograph IND-exc-070: one of the laboratories at the Exchange Lemon Products Co. Photocopy of an article from the Corona Daily Independent dated 1951 - Corona Ring Around article about "the filming of an on-the-spot television broadcast" that took place at the Exchange. Photocopy of an article from the Corona Daily Independent dated May 4, 1961 - "Sunkist Lemon Plant Here Holds A Position of World Leadership". Photocopy of an article from the Corona Daily Independent dated 1984 - "Whistle's historic past now a shrill presence, says Corona resident". "Citrus Bioflavonoids in Health and Disease: Reviews of the present evidence of bioflavonoid research, both documented and experimental" by R.C. Bruner and G.H. Palmer; Sunkist Growers, Pharmaceutical Products, Ontario, California. May 1961. (1 booklet, 12 pages). Letter on Sunkist Growers Pharmaceutical Products stationary. To: Mr. G.E. Stanley, L.P.D. Corona from Dick Bruner, Pharmaceutical Products Manager.	5 leaves + 1 booklet
<b>Series 4</b>	<b>Marketing Records</b>		
M005/2	F18	Annual Report - Fruit Growers Supply Company, 1947. The Los Angeles Broadcaster, April 1953; Vol.11, No. 4. articles about the Exchange and Sunkist companies. "The Sunkist Adventure" produced in cooperation with the Farmer Cooperative Service/U.S. Department of Agriculture. FCS Information 94. May 1975. "Pick of the Crop...Fresh Citrus from Sunkist" booklet about citrus and Sunkist with some recipes. The cover has 40 thumbnail size images of crate labels. Dated 1979. "Sunkist Growers, Inc." undated book with some information about Sunkist and images of the plant.	1 book + 4 booklets

M005/2	F19	Comb bound book "Exchange" from the Exchange Lemon Products Company, Corona, California. The front and back covers are transparent and yellow. The book features black and white photos of some employees, aerial images of the plant and the product line. Circa 1940.	1 booklet
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