**Descriptive Summary**

**Title:** Sunkist Growers, Inc. records

**Date (inclusive):** 1918-1991

**Date (bulk):** 1918-1966

**Collection Number:** MS 052

**Creator:** Sunkist Growers, Inc.

**Extent:** 1.46 linear feet (2 boxes)

**Repository:** Rivera Library. Special Collections Department. Riverside, CA 92517-5900

**Abstract:** The Sunkist Growers Inc. records consists mostly of agreements between various growers and the Fruit Growers Supply Company and the Exchange By-Products Company, which were parts of the organization that provided wholesale supplies and developed markets for citrus by-products like oil and citric acid. The collection also includes brochures, photographs, and a photo album including research information from the University of California Citrus Experiment Station.

**Languages:** The collection is in English.

**Access**

This collection is open for research.

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**Acquisition Information**

Provenance unknown.

**Processing History**

This collection was processed by Celeste Navas, Student Processing Assistant, in 2017.

Processing of the Sunkist Growers Inc. records was completed by undergraduate students from the University of California, Riverside as part of the Special Collections and University Archives Backlog Processing Project started in 2015. This project was funded by the UCR Library and administered by Jessica Geiser, Collections Management Librarian.

**Historical Note**

Sunkist Growers, Incorporated is an American citrus cooperative created in the late 1800s when California citrus growers began organizing for their own benefit, specifically during times of economic depression. It started in 1893 under the name: Southern California Fruit Exchange in Claremont, California by P.J. Dreher and his son, Edward Dreher. In 1905, it was renamed the California Fruit Growers Exchange as it represented 45% of the California citrus industry. Finally, in 1952 its named was changed to Sunkist Growers, Inc.

The organization, in addition to distributing and marketing citrus, began to expand their activities, starting in 1906 with the creation of a lobbying arm, the Citrus Protective League. In 1907, the Fruit Growers Supply Company was founded to provide wholesale supplies to growers, and late the Exchange By-Products Company was developed to market citrus by-products including citric acid, pectin, and orange oil. Today, Sunkist markets fresh citrus to twelve states and three Canadian provinces, from 6,000 growers in California and Arizona.

**Collection Scope and Contents**

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**Collection Arrangement**

The collection is arranged topically.
Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Subjects
University of California, Riverside. Citrus Research Center and Agricultural Experiment Station
Citrus fruit industry
Citrus fruits -- Research

Genres and Forms of Materials
Business records
Photographs

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| Box 1, Folder 3   | The Exchange Orange Products Company - Revolving Fund Agreements 1920-1922 |
| Box 1, Folder 4   | Fruit Growers Supply Company - Revolving Fund Agreements 1918 |
| Box 1, Folder 5   | Fruit Growers Supply Company - Revolving Fund Agreements (No. 3) 1921-1923 |
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| Box 1, Folder 8   | Exchange, District Exchange, Association Agreements 1940 |
| Box 1, Folder 9   | Sunkist, District Exchange, Association Agreements 1955 |
| Box 1, Folder 10  | Exchange Lemon Products Company - Annual Report 1958 |
| Box 1, Folder 11  | Food Preservation Research Laboratory, Brisbane, Australia - Five Years of Progress 1965 |
| Box 1, Folder 12  | Lemon Men's Club Meetings 1957 |
| Box 1, Folder 13  | Sunkist Freshly Peeled Citrus Brochure 1991 |
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