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## **Arizona Citrus and Spring Potato Production**

The April 1 citrus forecast of the 2006-07 crop by the Arizona Field Office shows mostly decreased expectations of utilization when compared to the previous season. The January freeze had a significant impact on the State's citrus crop. Arizona's 2006-07 lemon forecast, at 2.50 million boxes, is unchanged from the March forecast but 34 percent below the previous season. Arizona's all orange utilization forecast, at 350,000 boxes, is unchanged from the previous forecast but 22 percent below the 2005-06 season. The Arizona tangerine forecast, at 350,000 boxes, is down 45 percent from the previous season. Arizona's grapefruit forecast, at 100,000 boxes, is unchanged from both the previous forecast and last season's final utilization.

California's all orange forecast, at 37.0 million boxes, is unchanged from the March forecast but 39 percent below the final 2005-06 utilization. A few packing houses were scheduled to start handling Valencia oranges in early April.

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The U.S. all orange forecast for the 2006-07 season is 7.36 million tons, down 1 percent from the March 1 forecast but 18 percent below last season's final utilization.

Arizona's spring potato production is forecast at 1.05 million cwt, down 10 percent from last year. Growers report a 10 percent decrease in acreage for harvest but expect yield to be unchanged from last year.

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