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AVOCADOS



FLORIDA
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FLORIDA: The forecast of avocados for certified shipments is continued at 950,000 bushels. This is 13 percent more than the 843,000 bushels shipped in the previous season. This will be the most shipped since the 1,111,000 bushel of the 1991-92 season.

Estimated shipments through September total 635,000 bushels, the most to date in many seasons. The summer varieties were heavy set and weekly shipments of the fall

varieties are less than in August and September. Bearing acreage is estimated at 6,100, the most since before Hurricane Andrew in 1992.

CALIFORNIA: One month remains in the marketing season. Shipments to date have exceeded earlier estimates of production. Shipments of the Hass variety continue with limited amounts in the other categories.

FLORIDA: Estimated certified shipments of avocados, 2000-01 season, with comparisons - Season: April 1 - March 31

Season	Shipments through September	Remaining to be shipped	Total shipments
Bushels			
Certified:			
1990-91	394,800	357,200	752,000
1991-92	584,600	526,400	1,111,000
1992-93	274,700	9,300	284,000
1993-94	61,000	114,000	175,000
1994-95	374,200	404,800	779,000
1995-96	388,300	355,700	744,000
1996-97	461,800	456,200	918,000
1997-98	598,900	339,100	938,000
1998-99	489,000	402,000	891,000
1999-00	555,300	287,700	843,000
Estimated:			
2000-01	635,000	315,000	950,000

CALIFORNIA: Estimated avocado shipments, 1999-00 season, with comparisons - Season: November 1 - October 31

Variety	1998-99 season	1999-00 season		Estimated total shipments
	Total shipments	Shipments through October 2	Remaining to be shipped	
Bushels ^{1/}				
Fuerte	104,000	122,000	0	122,000
Hass	4,879,000	6,049,000	0	6,049,000
Other	448,000	531,000	1,000	532,000
Total	5,431,000	6,702,000	1,000	6,703,000

^{1/} Pounds converted to bushels at 50 pound equivalents.