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AVOCADOS



FLORIDA
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FLORIDA: The forecast of avocados for certified shipments is continued at 1,050,000 bushels. This is 18 percent more than shipped in the previous season and five percent more than in the 2000-01 season.

Estimated shipments through September total 726,700 bushels, the most at this time in many seasons. Advanced maturity levels of fruit and production of more summer varieties has led to this advanced harvest.

Bearing acres (trees planted in 1998 and earlier) are estimated at 6,000 acres. This is only slightly more than last season's 5,900 acres.

CALIFORNIA: One month remains in the marketing season. Shipments to date have exceeded earlier estimates of production. Shipments of Hass and other varieties continue at a slightly higher rate than last season.

FLORIDA: Estimated certified shipments of avocados, 2002-03 season, with comparisons - Season: April 1 - March 31

Season	Shipments through September	Remaining to be shipped	Total shipments
Bushels			
Certified:			
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
2000-01	635,000	370,000	1,005,000
2001-02	577,400	313,600	891,000
Estimated:			
2002-03	726,700	323,300	1,050,000

CALIFORNIA: Estimated avocado shipments, 2001-02 season, with comparisons - Season: November 1 - October 31

Variety	2000-01 season	2001-02 season		
	Total shipments	Shipments through September 30	Remaining to be shipped	Estimated total shipments
Bushels ^{1/}				
Fuerte	157,000	81,000	0	81,000
Hass	7,737,000	7,251,000	0	7,251,000
Other	553,000	487,000	67,000	554,000
Total	8,447,000	7,819,000	67,000	7,886,000

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