



Press Release

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DOWN FROM LAST SEASON

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AUSTIN . . . The January 1, 2004, Texas grapefruit production is forecast at 5.30 million boxes for the 2003-2004 season, down 6 percent from last year's 5.65 million boxes.

All orange production is estimated at 1.53 million boxes, down 2 percent from last year. Early and midseason oranges account for 1.3 million boxes and Valencias for 230,000 boxes. The production of all oranges totaled 1.57 million boxes the previous season.

The citrus harvest was gaining momentum at the end of 2003. Fruit quality has been good so far this season.

United States grapefruit production is forecast at 50.6 million boxes, up 1 percent from last year. All orange production is forecast at 310 million boxes, up 16 percent from last year.