



Press Release

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On: TEXAS CITRUS ESTIMATES
UP 6 PERCENT FROM LAST SEASON

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AUSTIN . . . The October 1, 2004, Texas grapefruit production is forecast at 5.9 million boxes for the 2004-2005 season, up 4 percent from last year's 5.7 million boxes.

All orange production is estimated at 1.90 million boxes, up 15 percent from last year. Early and mid-season oranges account for 1.65 million boxes and Valencias for 250,000 boxes. The production of all oranges totaled 1.65 million boxes last season.

Orange harvest is expected to begin soon. Wet conditions in the Valley have benefitted growing conditions.

United States grapefruit production is forecast at 26.3 million boxes, down 50 percent from last year. All orange production is forecast at 240.3 million boxes, down 19 percent from last year. This decrease is mainly due to the damage suffered from hurricanes to the Florida