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AUSTIN . . . The October 1, 2008, Texas grapefruit production is forecast at 5.3 million boxes for the 2008-2009 season, down 13 percent from last year's 6.1 million boxes.

All orange production is estimated at 1.5 million boxes, down 13 percent from last year and 24 percent lower than the 2006-2007 utilization, reports State Director, Dave Abbe. Early and midseason oranges account for 1.3 million boxes and Valencias for 200,000 boxes. The production of all oranges totaled 1.7 million boxes last season.

United States grapefruit production is forecast at 34 million boxes, down 1 percent from last year. All orange production is forecast at 121.5 million boxes, down 12 percent from last year.

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