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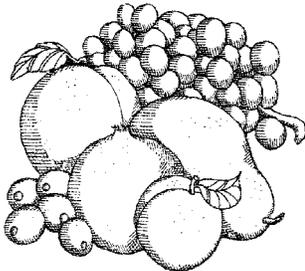
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U.S. ORANGE PRODUCTION UNCHANGED

All oranges production forecast for 1999-00 remains at 12.5 million tons, up 26 percent from last season. Florida's all orange forecast is 219 million boxes (9.86 million tons), 18 percent higher than the 186 million boxes (8.36 million tons) utilized last season. Early and midseason varieties in Florida are forecast at 127 million boxes (5.72 million tons), 13 percent higher than last season. Fruit size has continued slightly above average and loss from droppage remains well below average. Florida's Valencia forecast of 92.0 million boxes (4.14 million tons) is 25 percent higher than last season's final utilization. Fruit size is above average and growth continues at a rate slightly above average. Loss from droppage remains well below average and is lower than any of the previous nine seasons.

Florida frozen concentrated orange juice (FCOJ) yield for the 1999-00 season is 1.54 gallons per box of 42.0 degree Brix concentrate, down from January's projected yield of 1.57 gallons. The early and midseason portion is projected at 1.48 gallons per box, down from 1.50 last month. The Valencia portion is projected at 1.64 gallons per box, down from 1.68 last month. The final all orange yield for last season as reported by the Florida Citrus Processors Association was a record high 1.63 gallons per box. Last season's early and midseason yield was 1.58 and the Valencia portion was 1.75, both record highs.

CITRUS FRUIT UTILIZED PRODUCTION 1997/98-1998/99 AND FORECASTED FEBRUARY 1, 2000 1/

Crop and State	Utilized Production		
	1997/98	1998/99	Forecasted 1999/00
	1,000 Boxes 2/		
Oranges, Early Mid and Navel 3/			
AZ	350	550	600
CA	44,000	21,000	40,000
FL	140,000	112,000	127,000
TX	1,350	1,250	1,300
US	185,700	134,800	168,900
Oranges, Valencia			
AZ	650	600	450
CA	25,000	17,000	27,000
FL	104,000	73,700	92,000
TX	175	180	300
US	129,825	91,480	119,750
All Oranges			
AZ	1,000	1,150	1,050
CA	69,000	38,000	67,000
FL	244,000	185,700	219,000
TX	1,525	1,430	1,600
US	315,525	226,280	288,650
Temples			
FL	2,250	1,800	2,100
All Grapefruit			
AZ	800	750	800
CA	8,000	7,500	8,000
FL 4/	49,550	47,050	46,000
TX	4,800	6,100	5,500
US	63,150	61,400	60,300
Tangerines			
AZ	600	950	1100
CA	2,400	1,500	2,300
FL	5,200	4,950	6,600
US	8,200	7,400	10,000
Lemons			
AZ	2,600	3,450	3,100
CA	21,000	16,200	21,000
US	23,600	19,650	24,100
Tangelos			
FL	2,850	2,550	2,600
K-Early Citrus			
FL	40	80	100

1/ The crop year begins with the bloom of the first year shown and ends with year harvest is completed.

2/ Net lbs. Per box: Oranges-AZ & CA-75; FL-90, TX-85; Grapefruit-AZ & CA-67, FL-85, TX-80; Lemons-76, Tangelos, K-Early Citrus & Temples-90; Tangerines-AZ & CA-75, FL-95.

3/ Navel and miscellaneous varieties in AZ and CA, Early (including Navel) and mid-season varieties in FL and TX, including small quantities of tangerines in TX.

4/ Excludes economic abandonment in 1997-98 of 1,000,000 boxes of Colored Seedless and 5,000,000 boxes of White Seedless.

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PRICES RECEIVED INDEX DROPS 2 POINTS

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received in January was 90 based on 1990-92=100, down 2 points (2.2 percent) from the December index. Lower prices for broilers, milk, turkeys, and tomatoes more than offset price increases for corn, lettuce, soybeans, and cotton. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell also affects the overall index. Lower seasonal marketings of cotton, tobacco, grapes, and cottonseed more than offset the relatively higher marketings of corn, soybeans, cattle, and rice. These marketing changes account for one point of the January index decrease.

Compared with January 1999, the All Farm Products Index was 7 points (7.2 percent) lower. Price decreases from January 1999 for

milk, soybeans, cotton, and corn more than offset price increases for cattle, hogs, lettuce, and apples.

PRICES PAID INDEX UNCHANGED

The January Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) was 118 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index was unchanged from December but 3 points (2.6 percent) above January 1999. Lower prices in January for feed concentrates, potash and phosphate materials, and insecticides were offset by higher prices for feed grains, complete feeds, feeder pigs, and feed supplements.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS: ARIZONA AND U.S., JANUARY 1999 AND 2000 AND DECEMBER 1999

COMMODITY	UNIT	ARIZONA			UNITED STATES		
		January 1999 Entire Month	December 1999 Entire Month	January 2000 Mid-Month	January 1999 Entire Month	December 1999 Entire Month	January 2000 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton 1/	¢ Lb	0.561	0.431	8/	0.591	0.430	0.444
Cottonseed	\$ Ton	148.00	126.00	124.00	139.00	99.00	101.00
All Wheat 2/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	4.78	2.52	2.52
Durum Wheat 2/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	5.04	2.96	3.00
Winter Wheat 2/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	4.53	2.27	2.35
All Hay Baled	\$ Ton	3/ 80.00	3/ 76.00	81.00	3/ 78.80	3/ 71.10	71.80
Alfalfa Hay Baled	\$ Ton	3/ 80.00	3/ 76.00	82.00	3/ 81.40	3/ 73.20	74.10
Other Hay Baled	\$ Ton	3/ 70.00	3/ 65.00	58.00	3/ 71.00	3/ 65.90	65.90
Grapefruit 4/	\$ Box	11.60	2/	2/	13.30	15.20	11.80
Oranges 4/	\$ Box	35.40	17.80	14.50	22.00	15.20	14.00
Lemons 4/	\$ Box	26.00	26.60	32.40	26.80	27.50	31.40
Tangerines 4/	\$ Box	33.30	23.40	27.80	31.80	21.50	26.80
Cows 5/	\$ Cwt	34.80	33.30	34.20	33.10	35.10	35.20
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	60.60	68.20	68.60	62.40	70.80	70.70
Beef Cattle 6/	\$ Cwt	60.30	67.50	68.30	59.00	66.60	66.60
Calves	\$ Cwt	81.30	90.40	90.40	81.90	98.60	102.00
All Milk 7/	\$ Cwt	17.60	10.90	11.40	17.70	12.20	11.90

1/ Includes both spot and contract sales.

2/ Not available for Arizona.

3/ Mid-month.

4/ F.O.B. packed fresh Arizona box weights: Grapefruit 67 lbs., Oranges 75 lbs., Lemons 76 lbs., Tangerines 75 lbs.

5/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

6/ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined.

7/ Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

8/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

U.S. PRICE INDEX SUMMARY TABLE

INDEX 1990-92 = 100	1998	1999	1999	2000
	December	January	December	January
Prices Received	98	97	92	90
Prices Paid	114	115	118	118
Ratio 1/	86	84	78	76

1/ Ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index of prices paid.