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U.S. ORANGE PRODUCTION DOWN 2% FROM JANUARY

The U.S. all orange February 1 forecast of the 2000-01 crop is 12.4 million tons, down 2 percent from January's forecast and 6 percent less than last season's final utilization. Florida's all orange forecast is 223 million boxes (10.0 million tons), a decrease of 3 percent from the January forecast and 4 percent less than the 1999-2000 final utilization. The early and midseason orange forecast remains at 127 million boxes (5.72 million tons), 5 percent lower than the previous season. Although droppage has increased following the cold weather, harvesters are moving into these groves quickly to minimize loss of early and midseason variety oranges. Florida's Valencia forecast, at 96.0 million boxes (4.32 million tons), is down 6 percent from January and is 3 percent lower than last season's final utilization. Because of the below average temperatures and precipitation all winter, fruit sizes have been and continue to be below average. Droppage of fruit was at record low levels before the cold weather but now has increased. Arizona, California, and Texas orange production forecasts are carried forward from the January forecasts.

Although several mornings of below freezing temperatures occurred in many groves prior to January, the coldest morning affecting nearly all citrus producing areas was on January 5. Minimum temperatures were recorded for long enough durations to indicate fruit damage and loss would occur. But because of the below normal temperatures since November and the extensive use of irrigation to mitigate drought conditions and protect against cold weather, fruit damage was limited. A fruit cut survey conducted approximately two weeks after the coldest weather indicated very little drying of fruit.

Florida frozen concentrated orange juice (FCOJ) yield projection is decreased from 1.55 to 1.54 gallons per box at 42.0 degrees Brx. The early and midseason portion remains at 1.51 gallons per box, but the late season Valencia portion is decreased from 1.62 to 1.60 gallons per box. Although pounds of solids per box continues to increase, Valencia pounds of juice per box has decreased slightly, indicating some drying of fruit from the cold weather.

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CITRUS FRUIT UTILIZED PRODUCTION 1998/99-2000/00 AND FORECASTED FEBRUARY 1, 2001 1/

Crop and State	Utilized Production		
	1998/99	1999/00	Forecasted 2000/01
	1,000 Boxes 2/		
Oranges, Early Mid and Navel 3/			
AZ	550	600	500
CA	21,000	40,000	34,000
FL	112,000	134,000	127,000
TX	1,250	1,540	1,900
US	134,800	176,140	163,400
Oranges, Valencia			
AZ	600	500	550
CA	15,000	27,000	25,000
FL	74,000	99,000	96,000
TX	180	200	200
US	89,780	126,700	121,750
All Oranges			
AZ	1,150	1,100	1,050
CA	36,000	67,000	59,000
FL	186,000	233,000	223,000
TX	1,430	1,740	2,100
US	224,580	302,840	285,150
Temples			
FL	1,800	1,950	1,800
All Grapefruit			
AZ	750	500	600
CA	7,300	7,000	7,200
FL 4/	47,050	53,400	49,000
TX	6,100	5,930	6,500
US	61,200	66,830	63,300
Tangerines			
AZ	950	850	800
CA	1,500	2,300	2,200
FL	4,950	7,000	5,600
US	7,400	10,150	8,600
Lemons			
AZ	3,450	3,100	3,400
CA	16,200	19,600	21,000
US	19,650	22,700	24,400
Tangelos			
FL	2,550	2,200	2,100
K-Early Citrus			
FL	80	110	40

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.

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Prices Received Index Down 2 Points

The Preliminary All Farms Products Index of Prices Received in January was 96 based on 1990-92=100, down 2 points (2.0 percent) from the December Index. Lower prices for eggs, cotton, hogs, and soybeans were partially offset by higher prices for cattle, tomatoes, milk, and strawberries. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell often affects the overall index. Lower seasonal marketings of cotton, tobacco, grapes, and cottonseed were partially offset by higher marketings of cattle, corn, and soybeans.

Compared with January 2000, the All Farm Products Index was 5 points (5.5 percent) higher. Price increases from January 2000 for cattle, milk,

cotton, and strawberries were partially offset by lower prices for oranges, apples, potatoes, and lettuce.

Prices Paid Index Unchanged

The January Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) was 122 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index was unchanged from December but 4 points (3.4 percent) above January 2000. Lower prices in January for feeder cattle, diesel fuel, feed grains, and hay and forages were offset by higher prices for feed concentrates, complete feeds, nitrogen fertilizers, and insecticides.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS: ARIZONA AND U.S., JANUARY 2000 AND 2001 AND DECEMBER 2000

COMMODITY	UNIT	ARIZONA			UNITED STATES		
		January 2000 Entire Month	December 2000 Entire Month	January 2001 Mid-Month	January 2000 Entire Month	December 2000 Entire Month	January 2001 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton 1/	¢ Lb	0.490	0.575	2/	0.431	0.580	0.538
Cottonseed	\$ Ton	124.00	127.00	124.00	101.00	110.00	109.00
All Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	2.50	2.87	2.88
Durum Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	2.89	3.03	3.09
Winter Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	2.32	2.76	2.82
All Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	81.00	90.00	89.00	71.80	85.10	84.90
Alfalfa Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	82.00	90.00	89.00	74.10	91.00	91.30
Other Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	58.00	89.00	83.00	65.90	70.40	69.50
Grapefruit 5/	\$ Box 3/	---	13.10	12.30	11.80	13.50	13.30
Oranges 5/	\$ Box	14.50	16.60	16.90	14.00	15.30	15.10
Lemons 5/	\$ Box	32.40	20.20	20.30	31.40	20.70	19.90
Tangerines 5/	\$ Box	27.80	26.10	29.80	26.80	21.90	27.30
Cows 6/	\$ Cwt	34.20	33.40	37.00	35.90	36.50	38.40
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	68.60	73.90	76.90	71.60	76.80	79.30
Beef Cattle 7/	\$ Cwt	68.30	72.70	76.50	67.80	71.90	74.60
Calves	\$ Cwt	91.90	104.00	107.00	102.00	106.00	108.00
All Milk 8/	\$ Cwt	11.30	12.70	13.50	12.00	13.10	13.50

1/ Includes both spot and contract sales.

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

3/ Not available for Arizona.

4/ Mid-month.

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

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

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

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

U.S. PRICE INDEX SUMMARY TABLE

INDEX 1990-92 = 100	1999	2000	2000	2001
	December	January	December	January
Prices Received	91	91	98	96
Prices Paid	117	118	122	122
Ratio 1/	78	77	80	79

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