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U.S. ORANGE PRODUCTION UNCHANGED FROM FEBRUARY

The U.S. all orange March 1 forecast of the 2000-01 crop is 12.4 million tons, unchanged from February's forecast but 6 percent less than last season's final utilization. Florida's all orange forecast is 223 million boxes (10.0 million tons), the same as last month but 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. Harvest is nearing completion and is expected to be finished by the end of March. Florida's Valencia forecast, at 96.0 million boxes (4.32 million tons), is unchanged from February but is 3 percent lower than last season's final utilization. The Valencia growth rate during February was near the average, but size continues below average. Loss from droppage remains below the previous ten-season average. Harvest has just begun with only a very low percentage of rows harvested. Arizona, California, and Texas orange production forecasts are carried forward from the February forecasts.

Florida frozen concentrated orange juice (FCOJ) yield projection is increased from 1.54 to 1.58 gallons per box at 42.0 degrees Brix. The early and midseason portion is increased to 1.54 gallons per box from 1.51 last month. The Valencia portion is also increased and is expected to yield 1.65 gallons per box. All of the projected increases in yield are dependent on processors and harvesters following similar patterns of the past several seasons.

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CITRUS FRUIT: UTILIZED PRODUCTION 1998/99-1999/00 AND FORECASTED MARCH 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 4/	550	600	500
CA 4/	21,000	40,000	34,000
FL	112,000	134,000	127,000
TX 4/	1,250	1,540	1,900
US	134,800	176,140	163,400
Oranges, Valencia			
AZ 4/	600	500	550
CA 4/	15,000	27,000	25,000
FL	74,000	99,000	96,000
TX 4/	180	200	200
US	89,780	126,700	121,750
All Oranges			
AZ 4/	1,150	1,100	1,050
CA 4/	36,000	67,000	59,000
FL	186,000	233,000	223,000
TX 4/	1,430	1,740	2,100
US	224,580	302,840	285,150
Temples			
FL	1,800	1,950	1,700
All Grapefruit			
AZ 4/	750	500	600
CA 4/	7,300	7,000	7,200
FL	47,050	53,400	49,000
TX 4/	6,100	5,930	6,500
US	61,200	66,830	63,300
Tangerines			
AZ 4/ 5/	950	850	800
CA 4/ 5/	1,500	2,300	2,200
FL	4,950	7,000	5,600
US	7,400	10,150	8,600
Lemons 4/			
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 the completion of harvest the following year.

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 midseason varieties in FL and TX. Small quantities of tangerines in TX.

4/ Estimates for current year carried forward from earlier forecast.

5/ Includes tangelos and tangors.

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PRICES RECEIVED INDEX UP 2 POINTS

The Preliminary All Farms Products Index of Prices Received in February was 99 based on 1990-92=100, up 2 points (2.1 percent) from the January Index. Higher prices for lettuce, broilers, oranges, and hogs were partially offset by lower prices for strawberries, soybeans, corn, and tomatoes. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell often affects the overall index. Higher seasonal marketings of milk, cattle, broilers, and strawberries were partially offset by lower marketings of corn, soybeans, tobacco, and cotton.

Compared with February 2000, the All Farm Products Index was 6 points (6.5 percent) higher. Price increases from February 2000 for cattle, lettuce, milk, and broilers were partially offset by lower prices for soybeans, corn, grapefruit, and potatoes.

Prices Paid Index Up 2 Points

The February Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) was 126 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index was up 2 points (1.6 percent) from January and 7 points (5.9 percent) above February 2000. Higher prices in February for nitrogen fertilizers, complete feeds, insecticides, and LP gas, were more than offset by lower prices for feeder cattle, feed grains, and potash and phosphate materials.

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

Commodity	Unit	ARIZONA			UNITED STATES		
		February 2000 Entire Month	January 2001 Entire Month	February 2001 Mid-Month	February 2000 Entire Month	January 2001 Entire Month	February 2001 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton 1/	¢ Lb	0.489	2/	2/	0.478	0.523	0.503
Cottonseed	\$ Ton	126.00	124.00	116.00	108.00	109.00	114.00
All Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	2.57	2.85	2.83
Durum Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	2.84	2.94	3.25
Winter Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	2.37	2.77	2.73
All Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	83.00	89.00	92.00	74.80	84.90	86.80
Alfalfa Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	84.00	89.00	93.00	78.00	91.30	94.20
Other Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	76.00	83.00	84.00	66.70	69.50	71.20
Grapefruit 6/	\$ Box	13.30	12.30	12.40	15.00	13.30	13.60
Oranges 6/	\$ Box	16.20	16.90	16.80	13.60	15.10	16.30
Lemons 6/	\$ Box	29.60	20.30	20.10	25.70	19.90	19.60
Tangerines 6/	\$ Box	22.20	29.80	25.70	21.20	27.30	26.70
Cows 7/	\$ Cwt	35.80	37.00	39.20	38.60	39.00	41.50
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	68.90	77.40	77.30	72.80	79.30	78.40
Beef Cattle 8/	\$ Cwt	68.60	77.00	76.90	69.30	74.80	74.70
Calves	\$ Cwt	101.00	107.00	111.00	107.00	108.00	108.00
All Milk 9/	\$ Cwt	11.30	12.90	12.50	11.80	13.20	13.10

1/ Includes both spot and contract sales.

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

3/ Not available for Arizona.

4/ Mid-month.

5/ All Head lettuce for U.S.

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

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

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

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

U.S. PRICE INDEX SUMMARY TABLE

INDEX 1990-92 = 100	2000		2001	
	January	February	January	February
Prices Received	91	93	97	99
Prices Paid	118	119	124	126
Ratio 1/	77	78	78	79

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