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ALL ORANGE PRODUCTION UNCHANGED FROM FEBRUARY 1 FORECAST

The U.S. all orange March 1 forecast for the 2001-02 crop is 12.4 million tons, unchanged from the February 1 forecast but up fractionally from last season's final utilization. Florida's all orange forecast is 228 million boxes (10.3 million tons), the same as the February 1 forecast but up 2 percent from the previous season. The forecast for Florida's early and midseason variety oranges remains at 128 million boxes (5.76 million tons) and, if realized, will be the same utilization as last season. The harvest of the early and midseason oranges is nearly complete with 95 percent of the crop picked. Florida's Valencia forecast is 100 million boxes (4.50 million tons), unchanged from the previous forecast but 5 percent higher than last season's final utilization. Fruit size and loss from droppage continue to be below average. Arizona, California, and Texas orange production forecasts are carried forward from the January forecasts.

Florida frozen concentrated orange juice (FCOJ) yield is projected at 1.58 gallons per box at 42.0 degrees Brix, unchanged from February's projection and the same yield as last season. The early and midseason portion is projected to yield 1.52 gallons per box and the Valencia portion is projected to yield 1.68 gallons per box. Both of these yields are the same as projected last month. All projections of yield assume that the processing relationships this year will be similar to those of the past several years.

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CITRUS FRUIT: UTILIZED PRODUCTION 1999/00-2000/01 AND FORECASTED MARCH 1, 2002 1/

Crop and State	Utilized Production		
	1999/00	2000/01	Forecasted 2001/02
	1,000 Boxes 2/		
Oranges, Early			
Mid and Navel 3/			
AZ 4/	600	480	350
CA 4/	40,000	36,000	32,000
FL	134,000	128,000	128,000
TX 4/	1,460	2,000	1,700
US	176,060	166,480	162,050
Oranges, Valencia			
AZ 4/	500	420	350
CA 4/	24,000	23,000	22,000
FL	99,000	95,300	100,000
TX 4/	200	235	200
US	123,700	118,955	122,550
All Oranges			
AZ 4/	1,100	900	700
CA 4/	64,000	59,000	54,000
FL	233,000	223,300	228,000
TX 4/	1,660	2,235	1,900
US	299,760	285,435	284,600
Temples			
FL	1,950	1,250	1,500
All Grapefruit			
AZ 4/	450	250	200
CA 4/	7,200	6,500	6,200
FL	53,400	46,000	47,000
TX 4/	5,930	7,200	7,300
US	66,980	59,950	60,700
Tangerines			
AZ 4/ 5/	850	650	650
CA 4/ 5/	2,500	2,100	2,300
FL	7,000	5,600	6,400
US	10,350	8,350	9,350
Lemons 4/			
AZ	3,100	3,600	3,100
CA	19,000	22,700	22,000
US	22,100	26,300	25,100
Tangelos			
FL	2,200	2,100	2,200
K-Early Citrus			
FL	110	40	30

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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FARM PRICES RECEIVED INDEX UP 4 POINTS

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in February was 99, using a 1990-92=100 base period, up 4 points (4.2 percent) from the January Index. Price increases for lettuce, cattle, broccoli, and potatoes more than offset decreased prices for broilers, tomatoes, peanuts and eggs. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell affects the overall index. Higher marketings for milk, cattle, broilers, and hogs more than offset decreased marketings of corn, soybeans, tobacco, and wheat.

Compared with February 2001, the All Farm Products Index was down 1 point (1.0 percent). Lower prices for cattle, broilers, eggs, and onions more than offset higher prices for lettuce, broccoli, potatoes, and oranges.

PRICES PAID INDEX UNCHANGED

The February 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 January but 2 points (1.6 percent) below February 2001. Lower prices in February for complete feeds, hay and forages, mixed fertilizers, and feed grains offset higher prices for potash and phosphate materials, feeder pigs, LP gas, and nitrogen fertilizers.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS: ARIZONA AND U.S., FEBRUARY 2001 AND 2002 AND JANUARY 2002

Commodity	Unit	ARIZONA			UNITED STATES		
		February 2001	January 2002	February 2002	February 2001	January 2002	February 2002
		Entire Month	Entire Month	Mid-Month	Entire Month	Entire Month	Mid-Month
Upland Cotton 1/	¢ Lb	2/	0.287	2/	0.491	0.289	0.297
Cottonseed	\$ Ton	---	120.00	116.00	---	94.00	102.00
All Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	2.83	2.87	2.85
Durum Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	2.60	3.49	3.26
Winter Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	2.74	2.81	2.82
All Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	95.00	105.00	93.00	86.80	93.00	90.40
Alfalfa Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	92.00	105.00	93.00	94.20	101.00	99.50
Other Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	93.00	103.00	93.00	71.20	73.70	70.80
Grapefruit 5/	\$ Box	84.00	11.70	12.60	13.60	14.30	14.10
Oranges 5/	\$ Box	12.40	25.20	22.30	16.30	20.40	20.00
Lemons 5/	\$ Box	16.80	30.30	26.70	19.60	29.80	26.70
Tangerines 5/	\$ Box	20.10	30.10	21.80	26.70	26.90	25.30
Cows 6/	\$ Cwt	39.40	37.30	38.50	42.70	38.00	40.70
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	78.10	64.80	66.50	78.90	71.20	74.10
Beef Cattle 7/	\$ Cwt	77.70	64.50	66.20	74.80	67.10	70.40
Calves	\$ Cwt	112.00	97.20	99.10	109.00	102.00	104.00
All Milk 8/	\$ Cwt	12.60	13.10	12.90	13.00	13.40	13.30

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/ 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	2001		2002	
	January	February	January	February
Prices Received	96	100	95	99
Prices Paid	125	124	122	122
Ratio 1/	77	81	78	81

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