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ALL ORANGE PRODUCTION VIRTUALLY UNCHANGED FROM FEBRUARY

The U.S. all orange March 1 forecast for the 2002-03 crop is 11.4 million tons, virtually unchanged from the February 1 forecast but 9 percent below last season's final utilization. Florida's all orange forecast is unchanged at 199 million boxes (8.96 million tons) but 13 percent below the previous season. Early and midseason varieties in Florida are forecast at 113 million boxes (5.09 million tons), unchanged from last month but 12 percent below the previous season. The harvest of the early and midseason varieties is nearly complete. Florida's Valencia forecast is unchanged at 86.0 million boxes (3.87 million tons) but 16 percent below last season's final utilization. Average fruit size is the largest on record since 1960. Loss from droppage remains above the 10 season average. California's all orange forecast is 62.0 million boxes (2.33 million tons), up 2 percent from the January forecast and 11 percent above last season. Valencia oranges are forecast at 22.0 million boxes (825,000 tons), up 5 percent from the January forecast but unchanged from last season's final utilization. California conducted an objective measurement survey and a grower survey for the March 1 forecast. The Arizona and Texas all orange and California's navel orange production forecasts are carried forward from the January forecasts.

Florida frozen concentrated orange juice (FCOJ) yield projection is lowered from 1.57 to 1.55 gallons per box at 42.0 degrees Brix. The early and midseason portion is projected at 1.49 gallons per box, down from 1.50 in February. The Valencia portion was lowered to 1.65 gallons per box from 1.67. 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 2000/01-2001/02 AND FORECASTED MARCH 1, 2003 1/

Crop and State	Utilized Production		
	2000/01	2001/02	Forecasted 2002/03
	1,000 Boxes 2/		
Oranges, Early Mid and Navel 3/			
AZ 4/	480	270	200
CA 4/	35,500	34,000	40,000
FL	128,000	128,000	113,000
TX 4/	2,000	1,530	1,500
US	165,980	163,800	154,700
Oranges, Valencia			
AZ 4/	420	250	250
CA	19,000	22,000	22,000
FL	95,300	102,000	86,000
TX 4/	235	210	180
US	114,955	124,460	108,430
All Oranges			
AZ 4/	900	520	450
CA	54,500	56,000	62,000
FL	223,300	230,000	199,000
TX 4/	2,235	1,740	1,680
US	280,935	288,260	263,130
Temples			
FL	1,250	1,550	1,400
All Grapefruit			
AZ 4/	250	160	100
CA 4/	6,300	6,000	5,600
FL	46,000	46,700	40,000
TX 4/	7,200	5,900	5,600
US	59,750	58,760	51,300
Tangerines			
AZ 4/ 5/	650	620	450
CA 4/ 5/	2,200	2,200	2,500
FL 6/	5,600	6,600	5,000
US	8,450	9,420	7,950
Lemons 4/			
AZ	3,600	2,800	2,800
CA	22,600	19,000	23,000
US	26,200	21,800	25,800
Tangelos			
FL	2,100	2,150	2,400
K-Early Citrus 7/			
FL	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.

6/ 2000-01 through 2001-02 includes Robinson, Fallglo, Sunburst, Dancy, and Honey varieties; 2002-03 includes Fallglo, Sunburst, and Honey varieties only.

7/ Estimates discontinued as of the 2002-03 crop.

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FEBRUARY FARM PRICES RECEIVED INDEX UNCHANGED FROM LAST MONTH

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in February is 99, based on 1990-92=100, unchanged from the January index. Higher prices for cattle, hogs, corn, and soybeans offset lower prices for tomatoes, broilers, wheat, and eggs. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell also affects the overall index. Increased marketings of cattle, broilers, eggs, and strawberries offset decreased marketings of corn, soybeans, wheat, and oranges.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is also unchanged from February 2002. Higher prices for corn, soybeans, cattle, and cotton more than offset lower prices for lettuce, hogs, broccoli, and potatoes. The Food Commodities Index decreased 1 point (1.0 percent) from last month to 97, but is 3 points (3.0 percent) below January last year.

PRICES PAID INDEX UNCHANGED

The February Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 127 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index is unchanged from January but 4 points (3.3 percent) above February 2002. Lower prices in February for feeder cattle, feeder pigs, feed supplements, and hay and forages are offset by higher prices for diesel fuel, nitrogen fertilizers, gasoline, and LP gas.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS: ARIZONA AND U.S., FEBRUARY 2002 AND 2003 AND JANUARY 2003

Commodity	Unit	ARIZONA			UNITED STATES		
		February 2002 Entire Month	January 2003 Entire Month	February 2003 Mid-Month	February 2002 Entire Month	January 2003 Entire Month	February 2003 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton 1/	¢ Lb	2/	2/	2/	28.7	44.0	44.8
Cottonseed	\$ Ton	---	130.00	128.00	---	105.00	111.00
All Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	2.83	3.89	3.71
Durum Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	3.49	4.23	4.17
Winter Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	2.75	3.66	3.53
All Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	93.00	94.00	100.00	90.40	92.90	91.80
Alfalfa Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	93.00	94.00	100.00	99.50	97.60	96.40
Other Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	93.00	91.00	93.00	70.80	79.60	79.40
Grapefruit 5/	\$ Box	12.60	12.70	13.40	14.10	14.80	14.50
Oranges 5/	\$ Box	22.30	14.10	15.10	20.00	15.30	14.10
Lemons 5/	\$ Box	26.70	24.30	20.30	26.70	24.70	20.90
Tangerines 5/	\$ Box	21.80	29.80	25.10	25.30	27.60	23.20
Cows 6/	\$ Cwt	37.50	36.30	39.80	40.60	36.90	38.10
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	68.00	77.50	80.60	73.60	77.80	78.90
Beef Cattle 7/	\$ Cwt	67.70	77.10	80.20	69.90	73.20	74.60
Calves	\$ Cwt	99.10	100.00	96.10	105.00	96.80	97.60
All Milk 8/	\$ Cwt	12.70	11.20	11.00	13.10	11.70	11.50

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	2002		2003	
	January	February	January	February
Prices Received	95	99	99	99
Prices Paid	122	123	127	127
Ratio 1/	78	80	78	78

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