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AVOCADOS



FLORIDA
AGRICULTURE

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FLORIDA: The forecast of avocados for certified shipments is maintained at 850,000 bushels. This is slightly less than the 891,000 bushels shipped last season and about nine percent less than the 938,000 bushels in the 1997-98 season.

Weather conditions have been very good since Hurricane Irene passed through the Homestead area in mid-October causing some loss of large size fruit. Weekly

shipments have decreased since the storm and total only 802,000 through November.

CALIFORNIA: Estimated shipments for the first month of the 1999-2000 season total 70,000 bushels, more than last season's first month. Total shipments for the season are expected to be 18 percent more than last season's 5,403,000 bushels and near the previous two season's level.

FLORIDA: Estimated certified shipments of avocados, 1999-00 season, with comparisons - Season: April 1 - March 31

Season	Shipments through November	Remaining to be shipped	Total shipments
Bushels			
Certified:			
1989-90	1,031,600	268,400	1,300,000
1990-91	651,200	100,800	752,000
1991-92	896,300	214,700	1,111,000
1992-93	274,700	9,300	284,000
1993-94	123,000	52,000	175,000
1994-95	618,900	160,100	779,000
1995-96	633,400	110,600	744,000
1996-97	738,600	179,400	918,000
1997-98	860,400	77,600	938,000
1998-99	730,500	160,500	891,000
Estimated:			
1999-00	801,900	48,100	850,000

CALIFORNIA: Estimated avocado shipments, 1999-00 season, with comparisons - Season: November 1 - October 31

Variety	1998-99	1999-00 season		
	Total shipments	Shipments through December 4	Remaining to be shipped	Estimated total shipments
Bushels 1/				
Fuerte	103,000	5,000	113,000	118,000
Hass	4,860,000	50,000	5,686,000	5,736,000
Other	440,000	15,000	491,000	506,000
Total	5,403,000	70,000	6,290,000	6,360,000

1/ Pounds converted to bushels at 50 pound equivalents.