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DOWN FROM LAST SEASON

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AUSTIN . . . As of January 1, 2009, Texas grapefruit production is forecast at 5.7 million boxes for the 2008-2009 season, down 7 percent from last season's 6.1 million boxes.

All orange production is estimated at 1.65 million boxes, down 5 percent from last season. Early and midseason oranges account for 1.45 million boxes and Valencias for 200 thousand boxes. The production of all oranges totaled 1.73 million boxes the previous season.

Grapefruit harvest was nearly complete and the fruit size and quality was very good. Operations suffered damage from Hurricane Dolly during the summer.

United States grapefruit production is forecast at 33.4 million boxes, down 13 percent from last season. All orange production is forecast at 210.4 million boxes, down 11 percent from last season.