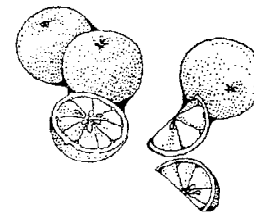


1999-2000 California Valencia Orange Objective Measurement Survey Results



Released: March 17, 2000
12:00 Noon PST



CALIFORNIA AGRICULTURAL
STATISTICS SERVICE

VALENCIA ORANGE SURVEY RESULTS

Assembly Bill Number 1435 was signed into law September 27, 1999. This law, sponsored by the California citrus industry, provided for an assessment on Navel and Valencia oranges prepared for fresh market to fund crop estimates and acreage surveys.

A Valencia Orange Objective Measurement Survey will continue to be collected in February with the results published in March. Below are the data by district for the 1999-2000 season.

A forecast of Valencia production based on this objective measurement survey is not made at this time. Several years of data are required before any estimating model can accurately forecast production. Eventually, forecasts will be made for the State and both districts.

Data were collected from 343 groves. Two trees per grove were selected with two paths in each tree. Rainy weather prevented entry to some groves.

CALIFORNIA VALENCIA ORANGES BY DISTRICT, 1999-2000

District	Number of Samples	Bearing Acres	Average		
			Trees Per Acre	Set Per Tree	Diameter as of March 1 (Inches)
Central Valley	214	44,700	122	596	2.641
Southern California	129	28,800	122	548	2.473
State	343	73,500	122	577	2.575

California Agricultural Statistics Service
P.O. Box 1258
Sacramento, CA 95812
(916) 498-5161
FAX: (916) 498-5186

Jim Tippett, State Statistician
Dwayne Nelson, Deputy State Statistician
Gary Nelson & Tom McNair, Agricultural Statisticians