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DECEMBER CROP COMMENTS

Pruning and other maintenance continued in orchards and vineyards as conditions permitted due to ongoing wet weather. The fall grape harvest came to an end across the State. The olive harvest continued. Bareroot blueberry, raspberry, and boysenberry plants were shipped from Tulare County to in-state and out-of-state growers. Kiwifruit, as well as fruit and nut nursery plants, continued to be transplanted in Sutter County.

Almond pruning and orchard removal were underway in the Central Valley. Orchard maintenance took place as field conditions allowed.

The navel orange, mandarin, grapefruit and lemon harvests continued in the San Joaquin Valley at a slower pace due to wet conditions. Lemon and pummelo harvests continued in the Desert Region.

FLORIDA CITRUS

Rainfall was scattered and sparse, with only one report of precipitation exceeding an inch in the citrus growing region. High temperatures ranged from the 40s to the 80s. Two major cold fronts brought lows down into the teens and twenties in some areas. Freeze damage surveys will take place to determine tree condition following these events. Drought conditions were predominant across the entire citrus producing region, with the most severe being reported by growers in Indian River, Brevard, and St. Lucie Counties.

Grove practices included fertilizer applications, lime applications, and irrigation. Caretakers continued to survey groves for greening, treat trees for the citrus psyllid, and remove infected trees.

FRUIT AND NUT STATISTICS AT A GLANCE

Crop	Bearing Acreage		Yield Per Acre		Estimated Production		Production Percent Change	Next Crop Update
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010		
NUT CROPS 1/	<i>Acres</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>1,000 Pounds</i>			
Almonds (Shelled)	720,000	740,000	1,960	2,230	1,410,000	1,650,000	17	January 21, 2011
Pecans	3,200	3,200	1,230	1,250	3,920	4,000	2	January 21, 2011
Pistachio (In-Shell)								
Marketable In-Shell	---	---	---	---	290,000	---		
Shelling Stock	---	---	---	---	65,000	---		
Total	126,000	---	2,820	---	355,000	---		January 21, 2011
			<i>Tons</i>		<i>1,000 Tons</i>			
Walnuts (In-Shell)	227,000	227,000	1.93	2.25	437.0	510.0	17	January 21, 2011
FRUIT CROPS 1/								
Apples	19,000	18,000	6.97	8.61	132.5	155.0	17	January 21, 2011
Apricots	11,000	11,000	5.41	5.45	59.5	60.0	1	January 21, 2011
Cherries	28,000	28,000	2.79	3.20	78.0	90.0	15	January 21, 2011
Grapes, Raisin	216,000	216,000	8.92	9.03	1,927.0	1,950.0	1	January 21, 2011
Grapes, Table	84,000	84,000	10.40	10.71	874.0	900.0	3	January 21, 2011
Grapes, Wine	489,000	489,000	7.65	6.75	3,743.0	3,300.0	-12	January 21, 2011
Grapes, All	789,000	789,000	8.29	7.79	6,544.0	6,150.0	-6	January 21, 2011
Olives	31,000	33,000	1.49	4.24	46.3	140.0	202	January 21, 2011
Peaches, Clingstone 2/	24,500	23,000	19.10	18.30	469.0	420.0	-10	January 21, 2011
Peaches, Freestone	28,000	28,000	12.50	12.70	350.0	355.0	1	January 21, 2011
Pears, Bartlett	10,000	10,000	20.00	18.50	200.0	185.0	-8	January 21, 2011
Pears, Other	4,000	4,000	13.75	13.25	55.0	53.0	-4	January 21, 2011
Plums, Dried (Prunes)	64,000	64,000	2.59	2.30	166.0	150.0	-10	January 21, 2011
BERRIES	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011		
			<i>Cwt.</i>		<i>1,000 Cwt.</i>			
Strawberries 3/	38,600	38,000	631	---	24,375	---		January 21, 2011
CITRUS CROPS 4/	2009-10	2010-11	2009-10	2010-11	2009-10	2010-11		
			<i>Cartons</i>		<i>1,000 Cartons</i>			
Grapefruit	9,600	9,400	875	745	8,400	7,000	-17	April 8, 2011
Lemons	46,000	45,000	891	933	41,000	42,000	2	April 8, 2011
Oranges, Navel	140,000	139,000	607	669	85,000	93,000	9	April 8, 2011
Oranges, Valencia	43,000	42,000	651	667	28,000	28,000	NC	March 10, 2011
Mandarins & Mandarin Hybrids 5/	30,000	33,000	660	582	19,800	19,200	-3	April 8, 2011

1/ Estimates for current year carried forward from an earlier forecast.

2/ Over-the-scale tonnage and includes culls and cannery diversions.

3/ Includes fresh market and processing.

4/ 2010-11 Season: All Citrus Fruit-- 40.0 lbs per carton. 2009-10 Season (and previous years): Grapefruit -- 33.5 lbs per carton; Lemons -- 38 lbs per carton; Oranges -- 37.5 lbs per carton; Mandarins -- 37.5 lbs per carton.

5/ Includes tangelos, tangerines, and tangors.

CITRUS FRUIT – JANUARY 1 FORECAST

Oranges: The California all orange forecast is 121 million cartons (2.42 million tons), unchanged from the October 1 forecast, but up 14 percent from 2009-2010, and up 39 percent from 2008-2009.

The navel orange forecast is 93 million cartons (1.86 million tons), unchanged from the previous forecast, but up 17 percent from 2009-2010, and up 44 percent from 2008-2009.

The Valencia orange forecast is 28 million cartons (560 thousand tons), unchanged from the previous forecast, but up 7 percent from 2009-2010 and up 24 percent from 2008-2009. Wet weather and colder temperatures in December slowed the harvest.

Grapefruit: The California grapefruit forecast is 7.0 million cartons (140 thousand tons), down 8 percent from the previous forecast, and down 1 percent from 2009-2010, and down 13 percent from 2008-2009.

Lemon: California production is forecast at 42 million cartons (840 thousand tons), up 8 percent from 2009-2010, unchanged from the previous forecast, and up 5 percent from 2008-2009. Harvest of the new season crop continued in the Desert Region as well as the San Joaquin Valley.

Mandarins: The California tangerine and mandarin forecast is 19.2 million cartons (384 thousand tons), down 4 percent from the October forecast, but up 4 percent from last season, and up 53 percent from 2008-2009.

CITRUS FRUIT PRODUCTION FORECAST, BY STATE AND U.S.

Crop and State	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
	1,000 Cartons		
ORANGES: 1/			
California, All	93,000	113,000	121,000
Navel & Misc.	69,000	85,000	93,000
Valencia	24,000	28,000	28,000
Florida	325,000	267,200	280,000
Texas	2,918	3,270	3,280
Arizona 2/	500	---	---
U.S. TOTAL	421,418	383,470	404,280
GRAPEFRUIT: 3/			
California, All	9,600	8,400	7,000
Florida	43,400	40,600	39,200
Texas	11,000	11,200	11,400
Arizona 2/	50	---	---
U.S. TOTAL	64,050	60,200	57,600
LEMONS: 4/			
California	42,000	41,000	42,000
Arizona	6,000	4,400	5,000
U.S. TOTAL	48,000	45,400	47,000
TANGERINES and MANDARINS: 5/			
California 6/	13,400	19,800	19,200
Florida	7,700	8,900	8,400
Arizona 6/	500	700	600
U.S. TOTAL	21,600	29,400	28,200

1/ ORANGES: California (2010-11) , 1 carton = 40 lbs, prior years, 1 carton = 37.5 lbs;

Florida, 1 carton = 45 lbs.; Texas, 1 carton = 42.5 lbs.; Arizona, 1 carton = 37.5 lbs.

2/ Estimates discontinued beginning with the 2009-10 crop year.

3/ GRAPEFRUIT: California (2010-11), 1 carton = 40 lbs, prior years, 1 carton 33.5 lbs;

Florida, 1 carton = 42.5 lbs.; Texas, 1 carton = 40 lbs.; Arizona, 1 carton = 33.5 lbs.

4/ LEMONS: (2010 -11) 1 carton = 40 lbs., prior years = 38 lbs.

5/ TANGERINES and Mandarins: California (2010-11) 1 carton = 40 lbs, prior years,

1 carton = 37.5 lbs; Florida, 1 carton = 47.5 lbs.; Arizona, 1 carton = 37.5 lbs.

6/ Includes tangelos, tangerines, and tangors.

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