



# California Fruit & Nut Review

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## DECEMBER CROP COMMENTS--CALIFORNIA

Asian pear and Fuyu and Hachiya persimmon harvests were completed in December. Pineapple quince, fig, and apple harvests continued. Kiwi and Early Wonderful and Wonderful pomegranate harvests finished. Table and wine grape harvests were also completed. Grapevines were dormant and pruning had begun. Heavy frost finished defoliating trees and vines, making pruning easier. Olive harvest ended in the southern San Joaquin Valley.

The harvest of walnuts was complete. Finished walnut groves were being irrigated, pruned, and sprayed. Almond stockpiles were hulled. The pistachio harvest was over.

Growers ran freeze protection several nights as temperatures dropped into the upper 20s. Harvest of Satsuma mandarins as well as Owari and Clementine tangerines continued, with growers about 50 percent complete in Tulare County.

Navel orange harvest continued with reports of improved internal maturity. Cara Cara orange and lemon harvests continued. Oro Blanco and Melogold grapefruit harvests neared completion. Pummelo harvest was underway.

## FLORIDA CITRUS

In the citrus growing areas, weather stations reported temperatures ranging from highs in the 80s to lows in the 40s. Sparse rainfall brought dry conditions back to the citrus region this month. Harvesting of early oranges (Navels and Hamlins), white and colored grapefruit, Fallglo and Sunburst tangerines, and Nova Tangelos continued. Production practices included lime application and irrigation as needed.

## FRUIT AND NUT STATISTICS AT A GLANCE

Crop	Bearing Acreage		Yield Per Acre		Estimated Production		Production Percent Change	Next Crop Update
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011		
<b>NUT CROPS 1/</b>	<i>Acres</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>1,000 Pounds</i>			
Almonds (Shelled)	740,000	750,000	2,220	2,600	1,640,000	1,950,000	19	March 15, 2012
Pecans	---	---	---	---	5,700	4,400	-23	March 15, 2012
Pistachio (In-Shell)								
Marketable In-Shell	---	---	---	---	378,000	---		
Shelling Stock	---	---	---	---	144,000	---		
Total	137,000	---	3,810	---	522,000	---		March 15, 2012
			<i>Tons</i>		<i>1,000 Tons</i>			
Walnuts (In-Shell)	227,000	227,000	2.22	2.14	503	485	-4	March 15, 2012
<b>FRUIT CROPS 1/</b>								
Apples	18,000	---	7.78	---	140	140	(NC)	March 15, 2012
Apricots	10,800	---	5.48	---	59.2	55.0	-7	March 15, 2012
Cherries	29,000	---	3.34	---	97.0	85.0	-12	March 15, 2012
Grapes, Raisin	210,000	210,000	9.90	9.76	2,079	2,050	-1	March 15, 2012
Grapes, Table	85,000	---	11.90	---	1,008	1,000	-1	March 15, 2012
Grapes, Wine	497,000	---	7.30	---	3,629	3,300	-9	March 15, 2012
Grapes, All	792,000	---	8.48	---	6,716	6,350	-5	March 15, 2012
Olives	33,000	36,000	5.91	1.81	195	65.0	-67	March 15, 2012
Peaches, Clingstone 2/	23,000	---	18.80	---	432	430	(Z)	March 15, 2012
Peaches, Freestone	27,000	---	14.30	---	385	385	(NC)	March 15, 2012
Pears, Bartlett	10,000	---	17.00	---	170	190	12	March 15, 2012
Pears, Other	4,000	---	12.50	---	50.0	57.0	14	March 15, 2012
Plums, Dried (Prunes)	61,000	58,000	2.08	2.10	127	122	-4	March 15, 2012
<b>BERRIES</b>			<i>Cwt.</i>		<i>1,000 Cwt.</i>			
Strawberries 1/ 3/	38,600	38,000	670	655	25,829	24,890	-4	March 15, 2012
<b>CITRUS CROPS 4/</b>	2010-11	2011-12	2010-11	2011-12	2010-11	2011-12		
			<i>Cartons</i>		<i>1,000 Cartons</i>			
Grapefruit	9,400	---	872	---	8,200	6,600	-20	April 10, 2012
Lemons	45,000	---	933	---	42,000	39,000	-7	April 10, 2012
Oranges, Navel	139,000	---	691	---	96,000	88,000	-8	April 10, 2012
Oranges, Valencia	41,000	---	659	---	27,000	27,000	(NC)	March 9, 2012
Mandarins & Mandarin Hybrids 5/	33,000	---	600	---	19,800	20,600	4	April 10, 2012

(Z) Less than one half of one percent.

(NC) No change.

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/ Beginning with 2010-11 Season: All citrus fruit-- 40.0 lbs per carton.

5/ Includes tangelos, tangerines, and tangors.

**CALIFORNIA CITRUS**

**Oranges** – The California all orange forecast is 115 million cartons (2.30 million tons), down 6.5 percent from last season’s revised final utilization.

The navel orange forecast is 88.0 million cartons (1.76 million tons), unchanged from the October forecast and down 8 percent from last season’s crop. The navel orange harvest began in November. Despite sub-freezing temperatures in parts of the State in December, serious frost damage seems to have been avoided.

The Valencia orange forecast is 27.0 million cartons (540 thousand tons), unchanged from the October forecast and from last season’s crop.

**Lemons** - The lemon forecast is 39.0 million cartons (780 thousand tons), 7 percent below last season’s final production and 3 percent below the October forecast. Harvest continued in California’s desert region as well as the San Joaquin Valley.

**Grapefruit** - The grapefruit forecast is 6.6 million cartons (132 thousand tons), 3 percent below the October forecast and down 20 percent from last season’s crop. Two different Asian citrus psyllids were found in the Ventura area at the beginning of the citrus harvest. Quarantine has been a big concern for citrus growers in that region. Weather has been favorable this year.

**Mandarins & Mandarin Hybrids** - The mandarin forecast is 20.6 million cartons (412 thousand tons). Production is up 4 percent from last season’s crop and unchanged from the October forecast. In November, Satsumas, Fairchilds, and Clementines were being harvested in Southern California. Satsuma and Clementine packing began in the Central Valley in December. Shippers began packing Minneolas in mid-December. By January, Satsuma harvest was near completion, while Clementine harvest was winding down. Favorable weather during harvest and maturing trees promoted mandarin production this year. Late December temperatures raised concerns about possible frost damage.

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

Crop and State	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
	1,000 Cartons		
<b>ORANGES: 1/</b>			
California, All	115,000	123,000	115,000
Navel & Misc.	85,000	96,000	88,000
Valencia	30,000	27,000	27,000
Florida	267,400	280,600	294,000
Texas	3,270	3,898	3,252
U.S. TOTAL	385,670	407,498	412,252
<b>GRAPEFRUIT: 2/</b>			
California, All	9,000	8,200	6,600
Florida	40,600	39,500	38,400
Texas	11,200	12,600	9,954
U.S. TOTAL	60,800	60,300	54,954
<b>LEMONS: 3/</b>			
California	42,000	42,000	39,000
Arizona	4,400	5,000	1,400
U.S. TOTAL	46,400	47,000	40,400
<b>MANDARINS &amp; MANDARIN HYBRIDS: 4/</b>			
California 5/	19,800	19,800	20,600
Florida	8,900	9,300	8,800
Arizona 5/	700	600	400
U.S. TOTAL	29,400	29,700	29,800

- 1/ ORANGES: California (2011-12 and 2010-11) , 1 carton = 40 lbs, (2009-10), 1 carton = 37.5 lbs; Florida, 1 carton = 45 lbs.; Texas, 1 carton = 42.5 lbs.; Arizona, 1 carton = 37.5 lbs.
- 2/ GRAPEFRUIT: California (2011-12 and 2010-11), 1 carton = 40 lbs, (2009-10), 1 carton 33.5 lbs; Florida, 1 carton = 42.5 lbs.; Texas, 1 carton = 40 lbs.; Arizona, 1 carton = 33.5 lbs.
- 3/ LEMONS: (2011-12 and 2010 -11) 1 carton = 40 lbs., (2009-10) = 38 lbs.
- 4/ TANGERINES: California (2011-12 and 2010-11) 1 carton = 40 lbs, (2009- 10), 1 carton = 37.5 lbs; Florida, 1 carton = 47.5 lbs.; Arizona, 1 carton = 37.5 lbs.
- 5/ Includes tangelos, tangerines, and tangors.

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