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SEPTEMBER CROP COMMENTS – CALIFORNIA

The harvest of peaches, plums, and nectarines was slow, though completed in some areas, with reports of good quality and yields by the first of the month. Post-harvest orchard cleanup began. Granny Smith and Fuji apple harvests continued, while the Gala apple harvest concluded. Asian and European pears were harvested, packed, and exported. Persimmon harvest began. Pomegranate harvest continued with good size and color reported. Raisin grapes were drying on the vine, on the ground, and trays were being rolled; with 95 percent

reported being on the ground at the end of the month. Harvests of wine and table grapes continued, while unusually high temperatures along with the drought produced lower yields. However, good quality grapes were reported. Potted grapevines continued to be shipped to Florida. The almond harvest was in full swing for the majority of growers. Newly planted almond and pistachio trees grew rapidly. The pistachio harvest began with some reports of reduction in pistachio yields this year. Walnuts were reported to be sizing well as growers applied pre-harvest sprays, cleaned orchards, and prepped for the shaking process and final irrigation. Pistachios, almonds, walnuts, and pecans continued to be packed and exported to domestic and foreign markets. Avocado harvest was completed by mid-month. Olives continued to mature and size up; with some orchards pruned by mid-month and the harvest well underway two weeks later. Olive trees were shipped to Texas.

CALIFORNIA FRUIT AND NUT STATISTICS AT A GLANCE

Crop	Bearing acreage		Yield per acre		Estimated production		Production percent change	Next crop update
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015		
NUT CROPS	<i>Acres</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>1,000 Pounds</i>			
Almonds (Shelled)	870,000	890,000	2,150	2,020	1,870,000	1,800,000	-4	Jan 2016
Pecans	---	---	---	---	5,000	4,400	-12	Jan 2016
Pistachio (In-Shell)								
Marketable In-Shell	---	---	---	---	408,000	---		
Shelling Stock	---	---	---	---	106,000	---		
Total	221,000	---	2,330	---	514,000	---		Jan 2016
			<i>Tons</i>		<i>1,000 Tons</i>			
Walnuts (In-Shell)	290,000	300,000	1.97	1.92	570	575	1	Jan 2016
Macadamias (Hawaii)	16,000	16,000	1.28	1.44	20.5	23.0	12	Jan 2016
FRUIT CROPS								
Apples	15,000	---	8.00	---	120	110	-8	Jan 2016
Apricots	9,500	---	5.83	---	55.4	45.0	-19	Jan 2016
Cherries	33,000	---	1.01	---	33.2	68.0	105	Jan 2016
Grapes, Raisin	190,000	185,000	9.28	10.80	1,763	2,000	13	Jan 2016
Grapes, Table	110,000	---	10.60	---	1,166	1,200	3	Jan 2016
Grapes, Wine	565,000	---	6.89	---	3,893	4,000	3	Jan 2016
Grapes, All	865,000	---	7.89	---	6,822	7,200	6	Jan 2016
Table Olives	37,000	---	2.54	---	94.0	60.0	-36	Jan 2016
Peaches, Clingstone	20,000	---	16.60	---	332	306	-8	Jan 2016
Peaches, Freestone	24,000	---	12.00	---	288	253	-12	Jan 2016
Pears, Bartlett	8,500	---	18.10	---	154	159	3	Jan 2016
Pears, Other	2,600	---	13.50	---	35.0	41.0	17	Jan 2016
Plums, Dried (Prunes)	48,000	48,000	2.17	2.08	104	100	-4	Jan 2016
BERRIES			<i>Cwt.</i>		<i>1,000 Cwt.</i>			
Strawberries 1/	41,500	40,500	665	709	27,577	28,715	4	Jan 2016
CITRUS CROPS 2/	2014-15	2015-16	2014-15	2015-16	2014-15	2015-16		
			<i>Cartons</i>		<i>1,000 Cartons</i>			
Grapefruit	9,800	---	776	---	7,600	7,000	-8	Jan 2016
Lemons	47,000	---	872	---	41,000	39,000	-5	Jan 2016
Oranges, Navel	129,000	---	612	---	79,000	86,000	9	Jan 2016
Oranges, Valencia	34,000	---	559	---	19,000	19,000	(NC)	Jan 2016
Mandarins & Mandarin Hybrids 3/	52,000	---	700	---	36,400	38,000	4	Jan 2016

(NC) No Change

1/ Includes fresh market and processing.

2/ All citrus fruit-- 40.0 lbs per carton.

3/ Includes tangelos, tangerines, and tangors

CALIFORNIA CITRUS

Oranges - The 2015-2016 California all orange forecast is 105 million cartons, (2.10 million tons), up 7 percent from last season's revised final utilization.

The 2015 – 2016 navel orange forecast is 86.0 million cartons (1.72 million tons), up 9 percent from last season. Navel oranges continued to mature.

The 2015-2016 Valencia orange forecast is 19.0 million cartons (380 thousand tons), unchanged from last season's crop. Valencia oranges were still being picked into September.

Lemons – The 2015 – 2016 California lemon forecast is 39.0 million cartons (780 thousand tons), down 5 percent from last year. Lemon harvest continued and bagged lemons were exported.

Grapefruit – The 2015 – 2016 California grapefruit forecast is 7.00 million cartons (140 thousand tons), down 8 percent from last season's crop.

Tangerines – The 2015 – 2016 California tangerine forecast (including mandarins and tangelos) is 38.0 million cartons (760 thousand tons), up 4 percent from last season.

FLORIDA CITRUS

In the citrus growing region, all counties received plentiful rainfall in September. Sebring (Highlands County) and Immokalee (Collier County) both received over eleven inches of rainfall during the month. Ditches and canals were full in all areas. Drought conditions subsided across the citrus region, and all citrus producing counties were drought free. Daily high temperatures were seasonably warm, reaching the low to mid-90s on several days in all citrus growing areas during the month.

Grove activities included spraying, fertilizing, and mowing. Growers were concentrating on assuring next season's crop was a healthy one. Treatments included steaming smaller trees, heat treatments, and aerial spraying. In healthy, well-taken-care-of groves, early oranges were about baseball size, while grapefruit were slightly larger. Early tangerines and red grapefruit have begun to break color. Field workers reported seeing resets in established groves across the citrus growing region. Non-productive blocks of trees were being pushed with plans to reset them as trees become available.

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

Crop and State	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
	1,000 Cartons		
ORANGES: 1/			
California, All	99,000	98,000	105,000
Navel & Misc.	77,400	79,000	86,000
Valencia	21,600	19,000	19,000
Florida	209,400	193,600	160,000
Texas	3,554	2,904	3,366
U.S. TOTAL	311,954	294,504	268,366
GRAPEFRUIT: 2/			
California, All	7,700	7,600	7,000
Florida	31,300	25,800	24,600
Texas	11,400	8,500	8,000
U.S. TOTAL	50,400	41,900	39,600
LEMONS: 3/			
California	37,600	41,000	39,000
Arizona	3,600	4,000	3,200
U.S. TOTAL	41,200	45,000	42,200
TANGERINES & MANDARINS: 4/			
California 5/	29,400	36,400	38,000
Florida	5,800	4,540	3,500
Arizona 5/ 6/	300	340	(NA)
U.S. TOTAL	35,500	41,280	41,500

1/ ORANGES: California , 1 carton = 40 lbs; Florida, 1 carton = 45 lbs.; Texas, 1 carton = 42.5 lbs.

2/ GRAPEFRUIT: California, 1 carton = 40 lbs; Florida, 1 carton = 42.5 lbs.; Texas, 1 carton = 40 lbs.

3/ LEMONS: 1 carton = 40 lbs.

4/ TANGERINES: California, 1 carton = 40 lbs; Florida, 1 carton = 47.5 lbs.; Arizona, 1 carton = 40 lbs.

5/ Includes tangelos, tangerines, and tangors.