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DECEMBER CROP COMMENTS – CALIFORNIA

The harvest season of grapes for juice, raisins (traditional and DOV), and wine were completed. Table grape vineyards were covered with plastic to protect against rain. Some grape vineyards were irrigated, treated for weed control, and fumigated in preparation for replanting. Some growers applied soil amendments. Post-harvest cultural maintenance continued in deciduous tree fruit, vineyards, and nut orchards. Pushed-out orchards and vineyards continued to be cleaned up with burning, ripping, and fumigation in preparation for spring planting.

Aged apricot, nectarine, peach, and plum trees were removed and replaced with new trees. Pomegranate harvest concluded mid-month. Olives continued to size up and were harvested the last of December, when pruning and orchard cleaning commenced. Most of the remaining kiwifruit have been picked and were awaiting shipping in cold storage. Harvest of almond and walnut orchards ended early December. Nut orchards were pruned, irrigated, and treated to prepare for their dormant season. Orchards with aged almond trees were removed and replaced with new almond trees. Almonds, pistachios, shelled and in-shell walnuts, and shelled pecans continued to be packed and shipped worldwide.

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	April 27, 2016
Pecans	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	5,000	4,400	-12	July 6, 2016
Pistachio (In-Shell)								
Marketable In-Shell	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	408,000	(NA)		
Shelling Stock	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	106,000	(NA)		
Total	221,000	(NA)	2,330	(NA)	514,000	(NA)		July 6, 2016
			<i>Tons</i>		<i>1,000 Tons</i>			
Walnuts (In-Shell)	290,000	300,000	1.97	1.92	570	575	1	July 6, 2016
Macadamias (Haw aii)	16,000	16,000	1.28	1.44	20.5	23.0	12	July 6, 2016
FRUIT CROPS								
Apples	15,000	(NA)	8.00	(NA)	120	110	-8	July 6, 2016
Apricots	9,500	(NA)	5.83	(NA)	55.4	45.0	-19	July 6, 2016
Cherries	33,000	(NA)	1.01	(NA)	33.2	68.0	105	July 6, 2016
Grapes, Raisin	190,000	185,000	9.28	10.81	1,763	2,000	13	July 6, 2016
Grapes, Table	110,000	(NA)	10.60	(NA)	1,166	1,200	3	July 6, 2016
Grapes, Wine	565,000	(NA)	6.89	(NA)	3,893	4,000	3	July 6, 2016
Grapes, All	865,000	(NA)	7.89	(NA)	6,822	7,200	6	July 6, 2016
Table Olives	37,000	(NA)	2.54	(NA)	94.0	60.0	-36	July 6, 2016
Peaches, Clingstone	20,000	(NA)	16.60	(NA)	332	306	-8	July 6, 2016
Peaches, Freestone	24,000	(NA)	12.00	(NA)	288	253	-12	July 6, 2016
Pears, Bartlett	8,500	(NA)	18.10	(NA)	154	159	3	July 6, 2016
Pears, Other	2,600	(NA)	13.50	(NA)	35.0	41.0	17	July 6, 2016
Plums, Dried (Prunes)	48,000	48,000	2.17	2.08	104	100	-4	July 6, 2016
BERRIES			<i>Cwt</i>		<i>1,000 Cwt</i>			
Straw berries 1/	41,500	40,500	665	709	27,577	28,715	4	Feb 4, 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	(NA)	776	(NA)	7,600	7,400	-3	April 11, 2016
Lemons	47,000	(NA)	872	(NA)	41,000	40,000	-2	April 11, 2016
Oranges, Navel	129,000	(NA)	612	(NA)	79,000	84,000	6	April 11, 2016
Oranges, Valencia	34,000	(NA)	559	(NA)	19,000	20,000	5	March 9, 2016
Mandarins & Mandarin Hybrids 3/	52,000	(NA)	700	(NA)	36,400	42,000	15	April 11, 2016

(NA) Not available.

1/ Includes fresh market and processing.

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

3/ Includes tangelos, tangerines, and tangors

CALIFORNIA CITRUS

Citrus harvest continued. Lemons, mandarins, Cara Cara oranges, Navel oranges, tangerines, grapefruit, Oro Blanco hybrid grapefruit, and pomelos were harvested, packed, and shipped worldwide. Prior to the holidays, citrus packing houses increased their volume of exports. New varieties of citrus groves were planted. Some immature orange trees remained covered to protect them from freezing temperatures. Frost protection measures continued, due to the cold weather. With the onset of wet weather and the holidays, citrus harvest slowed down and packing houses were packing their remaining stock on hand.

Oranges - The 2015 - 2016 California all orange forecast is 104 million cartons, (2.08 million tons), up 6 percent from last season's revised final utilization.

Lemons - The 2015 - 2016 California lemon forecast is 40.0 million cartons (800 thousand tons), down 2 percent from last season. California's production is up 3 percent from the previous forecast.

Grapefruit - The 2015 - 2016 California grapefruit forecast is 7.40 million cartons (148 thousand tons), down 3 percent from last season's crop.

Tangerines - The 2015 - 2016 California tangerine forecast (including mandarins and tangelos) is 42.0 million cartons (840 thousand tons), up 15 percent from last season.

FLORIDA CITRUS

In the citrus growing region, reported daily high temperatures were warmer than average for almost the entire month; most days reached the mid to upper 80s in all areas. Rainfall was above average in the Indian River District, but very sporadic across the remainder of the citrus region. Vero Beach (Indian River County) and St Lucie West (St. Lucie County) had between two-and-a-half and three inches of rainfall, while most other areas had less than two inches. The least rainfall was in Lake Alfred (Polk County) at 0.34 inches. According to December 29, 2015 U.S. Drought Monitor, the eastern edges of Orange and Volusia county, nearly all of Osceola

county, and all of Brevard County were abnormally dry. The remainder of the citrus region was drought free.

Harvest was in full swing in all citrus counties on early variety oranges, and white and red grapefruit. Fruit was going primarily to the processed markets. Navels and early tangerine fresh shipments were about over for the season. Honey tangerines still remained to be harvested. Orlando tangelos were about over, and Minneola tangelos were getting underway. Other grove activity was relatively slow this time of the year. Growers were irrigating as needed and spraying for psyllids. Mowing was being reduced to an as needed basis, mostly before harvest.

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	104,000
Navel & Misc.	77,400	79,000	84,000
Valencia	21,600	19,000	20,000
Florida	209,400	193,600	138,000
Texas	3,554	2,904	2,820
U.S. TOTAL	311,954	294,504	244,820
GRAPEFRUIT: 2/			
California, All	7,700	7,600	7,400
Florida	31,300	25,800	21,600
Texas	11,400	8,500	10,200
U.S. TOTAL	50,400	41,900	39,200
LEMONS: 3/			
California	37,600	41,000	40,000
Arizona	3,600	4,000	3,200
U.S. TOTAL	41,200	45,000	43,200
TANGERINES & MANDARINS: 4/			
California 5/	29,400	36,400	42,000
Florida	5,800	4,540	2,800
Arizona 5/	300	340	(NA)
U.S. TOTAL	35,500	41,280	44,800

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.