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 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.

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.

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.

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<th>District</th>
<th>Number of Samples</th>
<th>Bearing Acres</th>
<th>Trees Per Acre</th>
<th>Set Per Tree</th>
<th>Diameter as of March 1 (Inches)</th>
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<td>Central Valley</td>
<td>214</td>
<td>44,700</td>
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