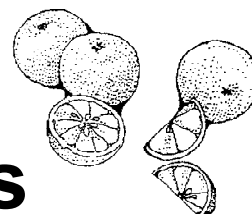


2001-02 California Valencia Orange Objective Measurement Survey Results



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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.

Data were collected from 804 groves. Two trees per grove were selected with two paths in each tree.

A special thanks goes to the many Valencia orange farm operators and owners who provided information on their operations.

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 1999-00, 2000-01, and 2001-02 seasons.

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.

CALIFORNIA VALENCIA ORANGE DATA BY DISTRICT

District and Season	No. of Samples	Bearing Acres	Average			
			Trees Per Acre	Set Per Tree	Diameter as of March 1	Diameter as of July 1
					<i>(Inches)</i>	
Central Valley						
1999-00	214	44,700	125	596	2.641	2.779
2000-01	391	45,500	125	402	2.671	2.937
2001-02	412	45,500	125	489	2.761	N/A
Southern California						
1999-00	129	24,800	125	548	2.473	2.655
2000-01	391	21,000	125	640	2.489	2.715
2001-02	392	21,000	125	585	2.439	N/A
State Total						
1999-00	343	69,500	125	579	2.581	2.743
2000-01	782	66,500	125	477	2.614	2.867
2001-02	804	66,500	125	519	2.659	N/A