**AVOCADOS**

**FLORIDA:** The forecast of avocados for certified shipments is increased to 850,000 bushels from 800,000 bushels. With three months remaining in the season, shipments have been ahead of every season since 1991-92.

If realized this will be 14 percent more than last season’s total shipments of 744,000 bushels.

Results of a tree census conducted in October indicate bearing acres at 5,700, slightly less than estimated earlier.

**CALIFORNIA:** Shipments of the 1996-97 season have begun with almost 200,000 bushel equivalents shipped in December. Projections call for the largest crop in several seasons.

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**FLORIDA:** Estimated certified shipments of avocados, 1996-97 season, with comparisons - Season: April 1 - March 31

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**CALIFORNIA:** Estimated avocado shipments, 1996-97 season, with comparisons - Season: November 1 - October 31

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1/ Pounds converted to bushels at 50 pound equivalents.