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AVOCADOS



FLORIDA
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FLORIDA: The forecast of avocados for certified shipments is continued at 950,000 bushels. This is five percent less than the 1,005,000 bushels shipped in the previous season. This is, however, the second largest amount since the 1,111,000 bushels shipped in the 1991-92 season.

Estimated shipments through October total 712,500 bushels, slightly less than last season to the same time. Bearing acreage is estimated at 5,900 acres, slightly less than last

season. No loss of fruit or damage to trees was reported as a result of Hurricane Michelle which passed well to the south of Homestead.

CALIFORNIA: Estimated total shipments for the 2000-01 season just completed are 8,705,000 bushel equivalents. The forecast of shipments for the 2001-02 season is 7,948,000 bushel equivalents, slightly less than last season.

FLORIDA: Estimated certified shipments of avocados, 2001-02 season, with comparisons - Season: April 1 - March 31

Season	Shipments through September	Remaining to be shipped	Total shipments
Bushels			
Certified:			
1991-92	759,400	351,600	1,111,000
1992-93	274,700	9,300	284,000
1993-94	92,600	82,400	175,000
1994-95	505,800	273,200	779,000
1995-96	526,900	217,100	744,000
1996-97	621,700	296,300	918,000
1997-98	756,200	181,800	938,000
1998-99	619,000	272,000	891,000
1999-00	708,900	134,100	843,000
2000-01	768,600	236,400	1,005,000
Estimated:			
2001-02	712,500	237,500	950,000

CALIFORNIA: Estimated avocado shipments, 2001-02 season, with comparisons - Season: November 1 - October 31

Variety	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	Estimated shipments for 2001-02
Bushels ^{1/}				
Fuerte	104,000	112,000	97,000	120,000
Hass	4,879,000	5,773,000	8,029,000	7,266,000
Other	448,000	537,000	579,000	562,000
Total	5,431,000	6,422,000	8,705,000	7,948,000

^{1/} Pounds converted to bushels at 50 pound equivalents.