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JUNE FORECAST

MATURITY TEST RESULTS AND FRUIT SIZE

June 11, 1999

ORANGES ADJUSTED TO 187.5 MILLION BOXES

The 1998-99 Florida all orange forecast (excluding Temples) of recorded utilization is adjusted down 0.5 million boxes to 187.5 million boxes today, by the USDA Agricultural Statistics Board. The decrease is in the late type (Valencia) portion. The season is nearing completion and if the forecast is realized, the total estimate of utilization will be over 23 percent less than the record crop of 244.0 million boxes utilized last season. The initial forecast in October was 190.0 million boxes.

EARLY AND MIDSEASONS FINAL AT 112.0 MILLION BOXES

The early and midseason oranges are final at 112.0 million boxes. This includes 5.0 million boxes of Navels and a preseason allocation for gift fruit and other usage. This is the same as the initial forecast in October. It is the smallest crop produced since the 107.3 million boxes in the 1993-94 season and 20 percent less than last season's record 140.0 million boxes. Individual fruit size was smaller than average and loss from droppage slightly higher with fruit set down 21 percent from the previous season.

Citrus production, June 1, 1999
 forecasts by varieties and states, with comparisons

Crop and State	Production		Forecast	
	1996-97	1997-98	May 12, 1999	Jun 11, 1999
Early, Midseason, and Navel Oranges:	- - - 1,000 boxes - - -			
FLORIDA	134,200	140,000	112,000	112,000
California	40,000	44,000	17,000	17,000
Texas	1,300	1,350	1,300	1,250
Arizona	400	350	550	550
Total Above Varieties	175,900	185,700	130,850	130,800
Valencias:				
FLORIDA	92,000	104,000	76,000	75,500
California	24,000	^{1/} 25,000	17,000	17,000
Texas	120	175	170	170
Arizona	600	650	650	650
Total Valencias	116,720	129,825	93,820	93,320
All Oranges:				
FLORIDA	226,200	244,000	188,000	187,500
California	64,000	69,000	34,000	34,000
Texas	1,420	1,525	1,470	1,420
Arizona	1,000	1,000	1,200	1,200
Total All Oranges	292,620	315,525	224,670	224,120

^{1/} Revised.

FORECAST DATES 1998-99 SEASON
 July 12, 1999

VALENCIAS NOW 75.5 MILLION BOXES

The forecast of the late type (Valencia) oranges is reduced 0.5 million boxes. The reduction is based on the June 2-3, 1999, route survey (Row Count) that constitutes over 95,000 fronting Valencia rows throughout 20 survey routes. The survey indicated over six percent of unharvested rows of varying productivity.

Another indicator was a survey of all processors to determine the usage of Valencias through May 30, 1999, and the amount the plants estimated remaining for their use. Both surveys confirm the slight reduction.

Volume harvest is near completion but reports indicate that decreasing amounts will continue well into the summer. If realized, this will be 27 percent less than last season's 104.0 million boxes and 18 percent less than the 92.0 million boxes in the 1996-97 season.

FCOJ NOW 1.63 GALLONS PER BOX

The all orange FCOJ yield is reduced to 1.63 gallons of 42.0 degrees Brix concentrate per box from the 1.64 gallons projected last month. The Valencia portion remains at 1.75 gallons per box. The latest report from the Florida Citrus Processors Association shows the season average for Valencias currently averaging 1.747850 gallons per box. Early and midseason oranges were final at 1.584139 gallons.

The continued dry weather during May with widely scattered showers caused many citrus trees to continue blooming during the month. This is the longest blooming cycle in recent history. New crop fruit of many sizes is making variable progress depending on grove care.

SEEDLESS GRAPEFRUIT NOW 47.0 MILLION BOXES

The forecast of seedless grapefruit is reduced 0.5 million boxes to 47.0 million. The reduction is in the colored varieties which is now forecast at 29.0 million boxes. White seedless remain at 18.0 million. Weekly utilization is down to less than 100,000 boxes for total grapefruit. The monthly Row Count survey indicated slightly less than five percent of the rows remaining to be harvested. Some utilization is expected from these remaining rows.

Citrus production, June 1, 1999
forecasts by varieties and states, with comparisons

Crop and State	Production		Forecast	
	1996-97 ^{1/}	1997-98 ^{2/}	May 12, 1999	Jun 11, 1999
--- 1,000 boxes ---				
Grapefruit:				
FLORIDA-All	55,800	49,550	48,100	47,600
Seedless	54,900	48,900	47,500	47,000
White	23,500	18,300	18,000	18,000
Colored	31,400	30,600	29,500	29,000
Seedy (Other)	900	650	600	600
Texas	5,300	4,800	5,600	6,000
Arizona	900	800	700	700
California	8,200	9,000	8,500	8,500
Total Grapefruit	70,200	64,150	62,900	62,800
Lemons:				
California	22,600	22,000	18,000	18,000
Arizona	2,600	2,600	3,500	3,500
Total Lemons	25,200	24,600	21,500	21,500
Limes: Florida	320	440	(Final) 500	(Final) 500
Temples: Florida	2,400	2,520	1,800	1,800
Tangelos: Florida	3,950	2,850	2,550	2,550
K-Early: Florida	150	40	80	80
Tangerines:				
FLORIDA-All	6,300	5,200	4,950	4,950
Early ^{3/}	4,500	3,200	3,050	3,050
Honey	1,800	2,000	1,900	1,900
California ^{4/}	2,600	2,400	1,700	1,700
Arizona ^{4/}	550	600	900	900
Total Tangerines	9,450	8,200	7,550	7,550

^{1/} Excludes 6 million boxes of economic abandonment in FL: 3 million white seedless and 3 million colored. ^{2/} Excludes 6 million boxes of economic abandonment in FL: 5 million white seedless and 1 million colored. ^{3/} Robinson, Fallglo, Sunburst, and Dancy. ^{4/} Includes tangelos.

SEEDY GRAPEFRUIT UNCHANGED

The seedy grapefruit forecast is unchanged from last month at 600,000 boxes. Estimated utilization to June 1 is 530,000 boxes. Last season 650,000 boxes were recorded. All seedy grapefruit is used in processed form and records are dependent on load tickets.

TANGERINES FINAL AT 4,950 MILLION BOXES

Harvest is complete on tangerines. Early varieties harvest is complete at 3,050 million boxes. The **Sunburst** variety contributed nearly 70 percent to the early category with **Fallglo** next at over 20 percent. **Dancy** and **Robinson** tangerines together contributed less than 10 percent to this category. **Honey** utilization to June 1 is estimated at 1.873 million boxes with harvest almost complete. This will be slightly less than last season's 2.0 million boxes but more than any other season since 1979-80.

TEMPLES FINAL AT 1.8 MILLION BOXES

Temple utilization to June 1 is estimated at 1.773 million boxes. Some rows remain to be harvested but usability of this "off-bloom" fruit is questionable. Other than the 1989-90 freeze season, this is the lowest utilization in recent history.

TANGELOS FINAL AT 2.55 MILLION BOXES

Tangelo harvest is complete at 2.55 million boxes. This is 35 percent less than the past 10 season record of 3.95 million boxes harvested in the 1996-97 season.

K-EARLY CITRUS FINAL

The estimate for K-early citrus fruit is 80,000 boxes, twice the number recorded last season, making this crop the second smallest on record.

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