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JUNE FORECAST

June 12, 2002

ALL ORANGES AT 228.0 MILLION BOXES

The 2001-02 Florida total orange forecast, released today by the USDA Agricultural Statistics Board, is increased to 228.0 million boxes. The forecast consists of the final estimate of the early and midseason oranges (including Navels) of 128.0 million boxes and a forecast of the late type (Valencia) oranges at 100.0 million boxes.

This forecast indicates a crop size that would be the third largest of record, almost seven percent below the record large crop of 244.0 million boxes in 1997-98, but two percent more the 223.3 million boxes utilized last season. In the past 10 seasons the June forecast has been above the final recorded utilization five times and below five times.

EARLY AND MIDSEASON ORANGES 128.0 MILLION BOXES

The final estimate of production of all of these varieties, including the recorded certifications and a pre-season allocation for unrecorded gift fruit and other uses, totals 128.0 million boxes. This is two percent below the initial forecast in October 2001, mostly because the fruit size/weight factor was less than anticipated in late summer.

Citrus production, June 1, 2002
forecasts by varieties and states, with comparisons

Crop and State	Production		Forecast	
	1999-00	2000-01	May 10, 2002	Jun 12, 2002
--- 1,000 boxes ---				
Early, Midseason, and Navel Oranges:				
FLORIDA	134,000	128,000	128,000	128,000
California	40,000	36,000	32,000	32,000
Texas	1,460	2,000	1,550	1,550
Arizona	600	480	300	300
Total Above Varieties	176,060	166,480	161,850	161,850
Valencias:				
FLORIDA	99,000	95,300	98,000	100,000
California	24,000	21,000	23,000	23,000
Texas	200	235	200	200
Arizona	500	420	350	350
Total Valencias	123,700	116,955	121,550	123,550
All Oranges:				
FLORIDA	233,000	223,300	226,000	228,000
California	64,000	57,000	55,000	55,000
Texas	1,660	2,235	1,750	1,750
Arizona	1,100	900	650	650
Total All Oranges	299,760	283,435	283,400	285,400

FORECAST DATES 2001-02 SEASON

July 11, 2002

This crop equals last season's and ties for the fourth largest on record. The largest recorded crop was 140.0 million boxes in 1997-98. The **Navel** portion of the crop, at 5.5 million boxes, surpasses the previous three seasons and is the fourth largest crop of record.

VALENCIAS NOW 100.0 MILLION BOXES

The forecast of the late type (Valencia) orange is increased to 100.0 million boxes. If realized, this crop will be five percent more than recorded last season and 1.0 million boxes more than the 1999-00 crop. However, this crop will be 4 million boxes below the record 1997-98 utilization.

The route survey (Row Count) conducted on June 3-4, 2002, showed ten percent of the sample rows unharvested. Observations and analysis of the remaining rows indicated that the harvest of these rows will probably not be as productive as the average of the preceding rows.

Some of the remaining rows have diseased trees and others that are in stress. These trees are sustaining increased fruit droppage and fruit softening. The largest percent of the remaining rows are on the East Coast. However, all major producing counties have some rows left, many in small units.

A "Processors Survey" was solicited and the response rate was over 95 percent of the requested reports. This questionnaire asked the amount of 90 pound boxes processed to a given date (June 2, 2002) and the amount that the plant estimates to process for the remainder of the season. The results indicated that there was sufficient volume anticipated to achieve the forecast level.

FCOJ CONTINUED AT 1.58 GALLONS

The estimated yield for all oranges going into FCOJ is unchanged from last month at 1.58 gallons per box of 42.0 degrees Brix concentrate. Early and midseason oranges are final at 1.527736 gallons per box as reported by the Florida Citrus Processors Association. Valencia oranges are currently projected to yield 1.68 gallons per box.

GRAPEFRUIT REMAINS 47.0 MILLION BOXES

The grapefruit forecast is unchanged at 47.0 million boxes and the components remain at 19.0 million boxes of **white** grapefruit and 28.0 million boxes of **colored** grapefruit. In the past 47 years, even though there has been a shift from seedy to seedless, the white crop has fallen below 20.0 million boxes just five times, three of them in the past four seasons. Even though the white crop is nearly two percent more than recorded last season, it is below the average of the past 10 seasons. Colored grapefruit is almost three percent ahead of last season and very close to the average of the past 10 seasons.

The route survey conducted on June 3-4, 2002, shows over 95 percent of the white rows harvested while over 12 percent of the colored rows remain unharvested. The harvested percent of white grapefruit, near the average of recent seasons, is ahead of last season but slightly behind the two prior seasons. Harvested colored grapefruit is less than one percentage point ahead of last season but lags behind seven of the previous eight seasons.

According to the Citrus Administrative Committee's Report #34, estimated certifications through June 2, 2002, plus a pre-season allowance for non-certified and gift fruit, are within two percent of the current forecast for all grapefruit. Processed and total certifications are greater this season for both fruit types. Fresh certifications are higher for colored but lower for the white grapefruit.

This forecast is of utilized production. Estimates of economic abandonment, if there is any, will be made at the end of the season.

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	1999-00	2000-01	May 10, 2002	Jun 12, 2002
--- 1,000 boxes ---				
Grapefruit:				
FLORIDA-All	53,400	46,000	47,000	47,000
White ^{1/}	21,500	18,700	19,000	19,000
Colored	31,900	^{2/} 27,300	28,000	28,000
Texas	5,930	7,200	7,100	7,100
Arizona	450	250	200	200
California	7,200	6,500	6,400	6,400
Total Grapefruit	66,980	59,950	60,700	60,700
Lemons:				
California	19,000	22,700	22,000	22,000
Arizona	3,100	3,600	3,100	3,100
Total Lemons	22,100	26,300	25,100	25,100
Limes: Florida	600	250	150	150
Temples: Florida	1,950	1,250	1,550	1,550
Tangelos: Florida	2,200	2,100	2,150	2,150
K-Early: Florida	110	40	30	30
Tangerines:				
FLORIDA-All	7,000	5,600	6,600	6,600
Early ^{3/}	4,350	3,550	4,350	4,350
Honey	2,650	2,050	2,250	2,250
California ^{4/}	2,500	2,100	2,300	2,300
Arizona ^{4/}	850	650	650	650
Total Tangerines	10,350	8,350	9,550	9,550

^{1/} Includes seedy. ^{2/} Excludes two million boxes of economic abandonment. ^{3/} Robinson, Fallglo, Sunburst, and Dancy. ^{4/} Includes tangelos.

ALL TANGERINES TOTAL 6.6 MILLION BOXES

The forecast of all tangerines is held at 6.6 million boxes, 18 percent above last season, and just six percent below the record set in 1999-00. This crop is the third largest, only one percent below the 6.7 million boxes utilized in 1979-80.

EARLY CATEGORY FINAL 4.35 MILLION BOXES

Since 1993-94, the early category is comprised of the **Robinson, Fallglo, Sunburst, and Dancy** varieties and the record high is 4.5 million boxes in 1996-97. This season's crop of 4.35 million boxes equals the harvest of 1999-00, is up 23 percent over last season, and is only three percent below the record. Almost 65 percent of the early tangerines were shipped fresh this season with Sunburst accounting for over three-fourths of the shipments. Sunburst and Fallglo combine to over 97 percent of the total utilization while Robinsons add two percent and the Dancy variety contributes less than one percent.

HONEY TANGERINES AT 2.25 MILLION BOXES

Honey tangerines, final at 2.25 million boxes, are up 10 percent from last season. This is the third largest crop on record—20 percent below the 2.80 million in 1979-80 and 15 percent below the harvest of 1999-00. Certifications plus an allocation for non-certified and gift fruit total 2.24 million boxes. Weekly certifications have been less than 1,000 boxes since early May. Nearly 99 percent of the rows along the route survey have been harvested.

TEMPLES FINAL AT 1.55 MILLION BOXES

The final estimate of utilization is unchanged at 1.55 million boxes. This crop is 24 percent greater than the record low harvest of 2000-01 but below the level of the prior two seasons. Nearly 75 percent of the crop has been processed which corresponds to usage in recent seasons. Fresh certifications ended in April but processed use tapered down in early May. The monthly route survey indicates nearly two percent of the rows remain unharvested.

TANGELOS FINAL AT 2.15 MILLION BOXES

Although the final utilization of tangelos is up two percent from last season, these are the two smallest crops recorded since production peaked at 6.4 million boxes in 1979-80. Very few certifications have been recorded in the past month. Two-thirds of the crop was processed this season, comparable to the usage in the prior four seasons.

K-EARLY CITRUS FRUIT FINAL AT 30,000 BOXES

The 30,000 box final utilization of K-Early Citrus Fruit is a new record low, falling 25 percent below the previous low of 40,000 boxes attained in 1997-98 and 2000-01. Processed utilization is similar to last season but fresh use has declined.