

FLORIDA Citrus June Forecast

MATURITY TEST RESULTS

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ALL ORANGES 153.0 MILLION BOXES

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The all orange forecast released today by the USDA Agricultural Statistics Board is held at 153.0 million boxes. Components of the forecast are the early-midseason-Navel oranges, which are final at 75.0 million boxes, and the later maturing Valencia orange forecast at 78.0 million boxes. This year the Valencia crop is expected to surpass the early-midseason-Navel crop, something that has not happened since the 1965-66 season.

EARLY-MIDSEASON-NAVEL ORANGES FINAL AT 75.0 MILLION BOXES

The early-midseason-Navel orange harvest is complete at 75.0 million boxes, including an allocation for other use. This crop is five percent less than last year's hurricane affected crop, and the lowest crop since the freeze affected 1989-90 season in which 68.1 million boxes were harvested. The navel portion of this crop is 3.8 million boxes.

VALENCIA ORANGES STAY AT 78.0 MILLION BOXES

The Valencia forecast remains at 78.0 million boxes, 10 percent more than last year's crop of 70.7 million boxes. The last change to the Valencia forecast occurred in January when the forecast was lowered by four million boxes due to small fruit sizes. The monthly Row Count survey, conducted on May 31-June 1, indicates slightly more than 71 percent of the rows harvested. This is the lowest percent harvested to this time of the year in over ten seasons. Harvest is slow because of the late start, lagging maturity levels at the beginning of the harvest season, and limited availability of harvest labor. Estimated utilization to June 1 is 56.5 million boxes compared to 60.4 million last season when the total harvest was 70.7 million boxes. Weekly harvest has dropped below five million boxes. In addition to the Row Count survey which compares percent rows harvested to estimated usage to the same time, a survey of processors' expectations of fruit remaining to be harvested indicates the current forecast. Dry weather is causing stress on some non-irrigated trees and fruit and final utilization may be affected by rainfall amounts over the next month.

FCOJ YIELD 1.63 GALLONS PER BOX

The projection for all orange FCOJ yield is increased from 1.62 gallons to 1.63 gallons per box and the Valencia portion is now projected at 1.76 gallons, increased from 1.73 gallons. These will be the highest yields since the 1998-99 season when the all orange yield was final at 1.63 gallons and the Valencia portion at 1.75 gallons. The early portion is final at 1.526904. Maturity test results appear on page 2.

CITRUS PRODUCTION: June 1, 2006 Forecasts by varieties and states, with comparisons

Crop and State	Production		Forecast	
	2003-04	2004-05	May 12, 2006	Jun 9, 2006
--- 1,000 boxes ---				
EARLY, MIDSEASON, AND NAVEL ORANGES:				
Florida	126,000	79,100	75,000	75,000
California	39,500	43,000	42,000	42,000
Texas	1,420	1,500	1,300	1,300
Arizona	300	240	250	250
Total Above Varieties	167,220	123,840	118,550	118,550
VALENCIAS:				
Florida	116,000	70,700	78,000	78,000
California	11,000	20,500	11,000	11,000
Texas	230	270	230	230
Arizona	170	190	200	200
Total Valencias	127,400	91,660	89,430	89,430
ALL ORANGES:				
Florida	242,000	149,800	153,000	153,000
California	50,500	63,500	53,000	53,000
Texas	1,650	1,770	1,530	1,530
Arizona	470	430	450	450
Total All Oranges	294,620	215,500	207,980	207,980



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GRAPEFRUIT:				
Florida-All	40,900	12,800	19,200	19,300
White	15,900	3,400	6,500	6,500
Colored	25,000	9,400	12,700	12,800
Texas	5,700	6,600	4,800	4,800
California	5,800	5,800	6,000	6,000
Arizona	140	140	100	100
Total Grapefruit	52,540	25,340	30,100	30,200
LEMONS:				
California	18,000	19,000	19,000	19,000
Arizona	3,000	2,400	3,800	3,800
Total Lemons	21,000	21,400	22,800	22,800
TEMPLES: Florida	1,400	650	700	700
TANGELOS: Florida	1,000	1,550	1,400	1,400
TANGERINES:				
Florida-All	6,500	4,450	5,400	5,500
Early ^{1/}	3,600	2,450	2,850	2,850
Honey	2,900	2,000	2,550	2,650
California ^{2/}	2,200	2,800	4,000	4,000
Arizona ^{2/}	690	400	550	550
Total Tangerines	9,390	7,650	9,950	10,050

^{1/} Fallglo and Sunburst varieties.

^{2/} Includes tangelos and tangors.

GRAPEFRUIT NOW TO 19.3 MILLION BOXES

The forecast of all grapefruit for utilization (including an allocation of 700,000 boxes of gift fruit and other use) is adjusted upward to 19.3 million boxes. The increase is in the colored varieties now forecast at 12.8 million boxes. The **white** grapefruit forecast is continued at 6.5 million boxes with harvest complete. The **colored** grapefruit forecast is adjusted upward to 12.8 million boxes. Small amounts of colored grapefruit will be used into the early summer months.

ALL TANGERINES NOW 5.5 MILLION BOXES

The forecast of all tangerines is adjusted from 5.4 to 5.5 million boxes. The forecast of the early varieties is complete with 2.85 million boxes of **Fallglo** and **Sunburst** tangerines harvested. The **Honey** forecast of utilization is increased to 2.65 million boxes. Weekly utilization has continued strong through May but harvest is now complete.

TEMPLES 700,000 BOXES

The Temple forecast is unchanged at 700,000 boxes. This is the second smallest harvest since the forecasting of Temples as a separate category began in 1951-52.

TANGELOS 1.4 MILLION BOXES

Tangelo harvest is complete at 1.4 million boxes, including 200,000 boxes for other use.

UNADJUSTED MATURITY TESTS, JUNE 1, VALENCIA (LATE) ORANGES: Average of regular bloom fruit from sample groves, by seasons, 1996-97 through 2005-06

Season	Groves Sampled	Acid	Solids (Brix)	Ratio	Unfinished Juice per box	Solids per box
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>		<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>
1996-97	23	0.76	13.34	17.92	54.01	7.21
1997-98	10	0.71	13.74	19.72	54.57	7.52
1998-99	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1999-00	27	0.81	13.61	16.96	51.05	6.96
2000-01	38	0.83	12.90	15.87	53.83	6.96
2001-02	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
2002-03	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
2003-04	20	0.68	13.10	19.67	52.79	6.95
2004-05	30	0.77	12.80	16.83	53.04	6.79
2005-06	43	0.79	14.07	17.93	52.72	7.42