

# FLORIDA Citrus July Forecast

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## ALL ORANGES NOW 151.0 MILLION BOXES – OTHER TYPES UNCHANGED

The forecast for Florida oranges is lowered 2.0 million boxes from June in this final forecast of the season. The reduction is in the Valencia oranges, now forecast at 76.0 million boxes. Harvest is over for all other types.

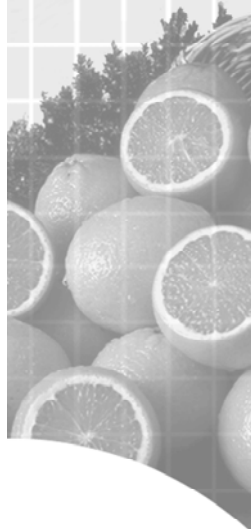
The first forecast of the 2006-07 season will be released at 8:30 a.m. on October 12, 2006

Valencia harvest continues with weekly utilization falling under 2 million boxes by the first of July. Estimated utilization to the first of July, including an allocation for local sales and gift fruit is slightly over 69 million boxes. Harvest labor shortages have contributed to lost fruit and reduced weekly deliveries below optimal levels at processing plants remaining open to receive fruit. The FCOJ yield projection is unchanged at 1.63 gallons per box for all oranges and 1.76 for Valencias.

### CITRUS PRODUCTION, JULY 1, 2006 FORECASTS BY VARIETIES AND STATES, WITH COMPARISONS

Crop and State	Production		Forecast	
	2003-04	2004-05	June 9, 2006	July 12, 2006
--- 1,000 boxes ---				
<b>Early, Midseason, and Navel Oranges:</b>				
<b>FLORIDA</b>	<b>126,000</b>	<b>79,100</b>	<b>75,000</b>	<b>75,000</b>
California	39,500	43,000	42,000	42,000
Texas	1,420	1,500	1,300	1,400
Arizona	300	240	250	250
Total Above Varieties	167,220	123,840	118,550	118,650
<b>Valencias:</b>				
<b>FLORIDA</b>	<b>116,000</b>	<b>70,700</b>	<b>78,000</b>	<b>76,000</b>
California	11,000	20,500	11,000	11,000
Texas	230	270	230	190
Arizona	170	190	200	200
Total Valencias	127,400	91,660	89,430	87,390
<b>All Oranges:</b>				
<b>FLORIDA</b>	<b>242,000</b>	<b>149,800</b>	<b>153,000</b>	<b>151,000</b>
California	50,500	63,500	53,000	53,000
Texas	1,650	1,770	1,530	1,590
Arizona	470	430	450	450
Total All Oranges	294,620	215,500	207,980	206,040
<b>Grapefruit:</b>				
<b>FLORIDA – All</b>	<b>40,900</b>	<b>12,800</b>	<b>19,300</b>	<b>19,300</b>
<b>White<sup>1/</sup></b>	<b>15,900</b>	<b>3,400</b>	<b>6,500</b>	<b>6,500</b>
<b>Colored</b>	<b>25,000</b>	<b>9,400</b>	<b>12,800</b>	<b>12,800</b>
California	5,800	5,800	6,000	6,000
Texas	5,700	6,600	4,800	5,200
Arizona	140	140	100	100
Total Grapefruit	52,540	25,340	30,200	30,600
<b>Lemons:</b>				
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
<b>Temples: Florida</b>	<b>1,400</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>700</b>
<b>Tangelos: Florida</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>1,550</b>	<b>1,400</b>	<b>1,400</b>
<b>Tangerines:</b>				
<b>FLORIDA – All</b>	<b>6,500</b>	<b>4,450</b>	<b>5,500</b>	<b>5,500</b>
<b>Early<sup>2/</sup></b>	<b>3,600</b>	<b>2,450</b>	<b>2,850</b>	<b>2,850</b>
<b>Honey</b>	<b>2,900</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>2,650</b>	<b>2,650</b>
California <sup>3/</sup>	2,200	2,800	4,000	4,000
Arizona <sup>3/</sup>	690	400	550	550
Total Tangerines	9,390	7,650	10,050	10,050

<sup>1/</sup> Includes seedy. <sup>2/</sup> Fallglo and Sunburst varieties. <sup>3/</sup> Includes tangelos.



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## FORECAST COMPONENTS OF PRODUCTION FROM OBJECTIVE SURVEYS

Fruit type and crop year	Number bearing trees (millions)	Sample survey averages		
		Fruit per tree	Percent drop <sup>1/</sup>	Fruit per box <sup>1/</sup>
<b>EARLY-MID ORANGES</b> <sup>2/</sup>				
2001-02	34.177	1,148	6	256
2002-03	34.042	950	13	225
2003-04	32.425	1,224	11	246
2004-05	30.831	886	18	263
2005-06	28.964	937	12	284
<b>NAVEL ORANGES</b>				
2001-02	2.439	464	11	136
2002-03	2.313	454	12	133
2003-04	2.018	374	8	130
2004-05	1.784	249	21	136
2005-06	1.634	436	9	139
<b>VALENCIA ORANGES</b>				
2001-02	40.978	640	13	211
2002-03	41.682	524	20	181
2003-04	40.950	680	11	198
2004-05	40.427	540	24	215
2005-06	37.246	612	14	238
<b>WHITE SEEDLESS GRAPEFRUIT</b>				
2001-02	3.970	530	10	96
2002-03	3.784	398	9	79
2003-04	3.133	488	11	91
2004-05	2.624	109	22	86
2005-06	2.216	212	12	86
<b>COLORED SEEDLESS GRAPEFRUIT</b>				
2001-02	6.728	522	11	105
2002-03	6.352	387	12	87
2003-04	5.721	499	12	101
2004-05	5.079	242	27	97
2005-06	4.230	252	11	92

<sup>1/</sup> Averages at cut-off month—January 1 for Early-mids, December 1 for Navels, April 1 for Valencias, and February 1 for grapefruit.

<sup>2/</sup> Excludes Navels.

The table shows the production components used for the 2005-06 forecast season. Bearing trees are estimated at the beginning of each forecast season using the most recent Commercial Citrus Inventory with an allowance for expected attrition. Revisions are made to the historic series where applicable.

Fruit per tree is the weighted average obtained from the annual Limb Count Survey. This survey is conducted during a two-month period beginning in late July. Survey averages for each tree age group within an area are weighted by the estimated number of bearing trees for each age group.

Fruit size measurements and drop observations are obtained from monthly size and drop surveys. The average drop percentages are from the "cut-off" month survey which varies by variety according to the usual harvest period. Average fruit sizes were also obtained from the same survey period but

have been converted in the table to estimated number of fruit needed to fill a box.

These four factors are the primary components used in the initial October forecast and in following months up to the "cut-off" for each fruit type. The first two have the greatest influence on the forecast.

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 & & \textbf{Direct Expansion} = & & & & \\
 & \text{Bearing} & & \text{Fruit per} & & \text{Percent} & \\
 & \text{Trees} & \times & \text{Tree} & \times & \text{Remaining} & \\
 & & & & & \text{at Harvest} & \\
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 & & & \text{Pieces of Fruit per Box} & & & 
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