



# CITRUS JANUARY FORECAST AND FRUIT SIZE

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**Florida All Orange Production Down 2 Percent from Last Season**  
**Florida Non-Valencia Orange Production Down 2 Percent**  
**Florida Valencia Orange Production Down 1 Percent**  
**Florida All Grapefruit Production Down 8 Percent**  
**Florida All Tangerine and Tangelo Unchanged from Last Season**  
**Florida Lemon Production Up 4 Percent**

FORECAST DATES - 2025-2026 SEASON	
April 9, 2026	July 10, 2026

## Citrus Production by Type – States and United States

Crop and State	Production <sup>1</sup>			Forecasted Production <sup>1</sup>
	2022-2023 (1,000 boxes)	2023-2024 (1,000 boxes)	2024-2025 (1,000 boxes)	January 2025-2026 (1,000 boxes)
<b>Non-Valencia Oranges <sup>2</sup></b>				
<b>Florida</b> .....	<b>6,150</b>	<b>6,760</b>	<b>4,600</b>	<b>4,500</b>
California .....	36,000	38,300	37,900	38,000
Texas .....	570	690	530	550
United States .....	42,720	45,750	43,030	43,050
<b>Valencia Oranges</b>				
<b>Florida</b> .....	<b>9,670</b>	<b>11,300</b>	<b>7,600</b>	<b>7,500</b>
California .....	8,600	7,100	7,300	7,500
Texas .....	560	490	320	350
United States .....	18,830	18,890	15,220	15,350
<b>All Oranges</b>				
<b>Florida</b> .....	<b>15,820</b>	<b>18,060</b>	<b>12,200</b>	<b>12,000</b>
California .....	44,600	45,400	45,200	45,500
Texas .....	1,130	1,180	850	900
United States .....	61,550	64,640	58,250	58,400
<b>Grapefruit</b>				
<b>Florida-All</b> .....	<b>1,810</b>	<b>1,790</b>	<b>1,300</b>	<b>1,200</b>
<b>Red</b> .....	<b>1,560</b>	<b>1,550</b>	<b>1,160</b>	<b>1,100</b>
<b>White</b> .....	<b>250</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>100</b>
California <sup>3</sup> .....	4,500	3,900	4,100	4,300
Texas .....	2,250	2,400	2,000	2,200
United States .....	8,560	8,090	7,400	7,700
<b>Lemons</b>				
<b>Florida</b> <sup>4</sup> .....	<b>(NA)</b>	<b>(NA)</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>700</b>
Arizona .....	1,400	950	1,120	1,150
California .....	25,800	24,500	25,800	25,000
United States .....	27,200	25,450	27,590	26,850
<b>Tangerines and Mandarins <sup>5</sup></b>				
<b>Florida</b> .....	<b>480</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>400</b>
California .....	23,500	27,200	30,100	27,000
United States .....	23,980	27,650	30,500	27,400

(NA) Not Available.

<sup>1</sup> Net pounds per box: oranges in California-80, Florida-90, Texas-85; grapefruit in California and Texas-80, Florida-85; lemons in Arizona-80, California-80, Florida-90; tangerines and mandarins in California-80, Florida-95.

<sup>2</sup> Early non-Valencia (including Navel) and midseason non-Valencia varieties in Florida; Navel and miscellaneous varieties in California; Early and mid-season varieties in Texas.

<sup>3</sup> Includes pummelos in California.

<sup>4</sup> Estimates began with the 2024-2025 crop year.

<sup>5</sup> Includes tangelos.

## All Oranges 12.0 Million Boxes

The 2025-2026 Florida all orange forecast released today by the USDA Agricultural Statistics Board is 12.0 million boxes down 2 percent from last season’s final production. The total includes 4.50 million boxes of non-Valencia oranges (early, mid-season, and Navel varieties) and 7.50 million boxes of Valencia oranges.

The estimated number of bearing trees for all oranges is 20.7 million. Trees planted in 2022 and earlier are considered bearing for this season. Field work for the latest Commercial Citrus Inventory was completed in June 2025. Attrition rates were applied to the results to determine the number of bearing trees used to weigh and expand objective count data in the forecast model.

A 7-year regression was used for comparison purposes. All references to “average”, “minimum”, and “maximum” refer to the previous 10 seasons, excluding the 2017-2018 season, which was affected by Hurricane Irma, the 2022-2023 season which was affected by Hurricanes Ian and Nicole, and the 2024-2025 season which was affected by Hurricane Milton. Average fruit per tree includes both regular bloom and the first late bloom.

## Non-Valencia Oranges 4.50 Million Boxes

The non-Valencia forecast of 4.50 million boxes is 2 percent less than last season’s production. The number of bearing trees (including Navels) is 6.71 million, down 23 percent from the previous season. The fruit per tree for early and mid-season non-Valencia oranges, (excluding Navels), is 408 pieces, an increase of 27 pieces from last season. Final fruit size is smaller than the average, requiring 319 pieces to fill a 90-pound box. Final droppage of non-Valencia oranges (excluding Navels) at 40 percent is above average.

## Valencia Oranges 7.50 Million Boxes

The Valencia forecast of 7.50 million boxes is 1 percent lower than last season’s production. The number of bearing trees at 14.0 million is down 18 percent from the previous season. The fruit per tree is 288, an increase of 52 pieces from last season. Projected final fruit size is below average, requiring an estimated 256 pieces of fruit to fill a 90-pound box. Projected final droppage is above average at 40 percent.

## Forecast Components, by Type – Florida: January 2026

[Survey data is considered final in January for non-Valencia oranges, February for grapefruit, and April for Valencia oranges]

Type	Bearing trees (1,000 trees)	Fruit per tree (number)	Droppage (percent)	Fruit per box (number)
<b>ORANGES</b>				
Non-Valencia <sup>1</sup> .....	6,707	408	40	319
Valencia .....	13,972	288	40	256
<b>GRAPEFRUIT</b>				
Red .....	1,254	254	33	118
White .....	173	297	29	110

<sup>1</sup> Non-Valencia bearing trees include Navels; fruit per tree, droppage and fruit per box excludes Navels.

## All Grapefruit 1.20 Million Boxes

The forecast for all grapefruit production is 1.20 million boxes, 8 percent less than last season’s utilization of 1.30 million boxes. The total is comprised of 1.10 million boxes of red grapefruit and 100,000 boxes of white grapefruit.

The **red** grapefruit forecast, at 1.10 million boxes, is 5 percent less than last season’s final production. Bearing trees are down 1 percent from last season’s revised bearing tree numbers. The average fruit per tree at 254 pieces is 13 pieces less than last season. At 33 percent, fruit droppage is projected to be average. Fruit size in the final month is expected to be above average.

The **white** grapefruit forecast of 100,000 boxes is down 29 percent from last season’s final production. White grapefruit bearing trees declined by 1 percent from last season’s revised bearing tree numbers. The average fruit per tree at 297 pieces is 72 pieces less than last season. The Current fruit sizes is average, and at the rate of growth measured in last month’s survey are expected to be above average. Final drop is expected to be average.

## Lemons 700,000 Boxes

The forecast of lemons is 700,000 boxes, and increase of 4 percent from last season.

## Tangerines and Tangelos Total 400,000 Boxes

The forecast for tangerines and tangelos is 400,000 boxes, equal to last season’s utilization. This forecast number includes all certified tangerine and tangelo varieties.

## Distribution of Estimated Fruit Population, by Type, and Age Groups – Florida: September

[Distribution of fruit population in September as determined by multiplying average fruit per tree from the Limb Count Survey by bearing age trees]

Age groups	Oranges				Grapefruit			
	Non-Valencia <sup>1</sup>		Valencia		Red		White	
	2024-2025	2025-2026	2024-2025	2025-2026	2024-2025	2025-2026	2024-2025	2025-2026
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
3 - 5 years.....	3	4	7	8	16	17	11	3
6 - 8 years.....	6	4	17	17	2	4	0	7
9 - 13 years.....	15	22	18	24	21	21	1	1
14 - 23 years.....	31	33	19	19	13	23	2	1
24 yrs & over.....	45	37	39	32	48	35	86	88

<sup>1</sup> Non-Valencia excludes Navels

## Forecast Procedures

All citrus forecasts are based on actual fruit counts and measurements. The objective count method uses four components:

- (1) bearing age trees provided from the latest Commercial Citrus Inventory;
- (2) average fruit per tree obtained from the Limb Count survey using randomly selected trees and limbs;
- (3) fruit size from the fruit measurement survey;
- (4) fruit loss from the drop survey.

These measurements are used in the forecast models; regression data are from the 2015-2016 through 2024-2025 seasons.

The latest Tree Inventory is used to determine estimated tree numbers. All trees planted in 2022 and earlier are included for the current season. An attrition factor was applied to these tree numbers (by age and area) to account for losses since the inventory period.

Statistically valid procedures are used to provide unbiased estimates of fruit count. Samples are drawn with known probabilities from the Commercial Citrus Inventory, taking into account the variability in fruit per tree. Limbs are randomly selected from sample trees. Fruit on these limbs is counted in the mid-July to mid-September period.

### Citrus Size Frequency Measurement Distributions, by Type – Florida: December 2025

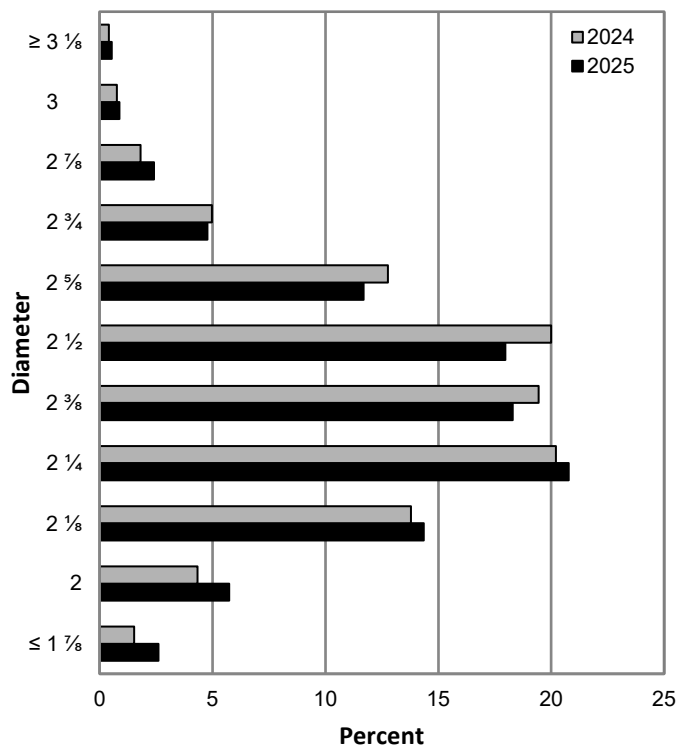
Type and number of fruit per 4/5 – bushel containers	2023	2024	2025	Type and number of fruit per 4/5 – bushel containers	2023	2024	2025
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)		(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>NON-VALENCIA ORANGES <sup>1</sup></b>				<b>RED GRAPEFRUIT</b>			
64 or less .....	0.3	0.3	0.3	32 or less .....	1.3	3.5	2.4
80 .....	2.5	1.5	1.9	36 .....	5.5	4.4	11.1
100 .....	10.5	10.3	10.6	40 .....	9.9	9.7	18.5
125 .....	25.1	28.6	25.4	48 .....	14.4	14.8	20.2
163 or more .....	61.6	59.3	61.8	56 .....	14.4	16.9	20.5
<b>VALENCIA ORANGES</b>				<b>WHITE GRAPEFRUIT <sup>2</sup></b>			
64 or less .....	0.7	0.8	0.6	32 or less .....	1.2	3.7	5.0
80 .....	4.7	6.4	5.0	36 .....	7.0	15.0	14.0
100 .....	18.5	25.3	21.2	40 .....	12.2	14.4	17.0
125 .....	34.9	35.4	35.0	48 .....	17.6	18.8	22.5
163 or more .....	41.2	32.1	38.2	56 .....	21.2	14.4	20.0
				63 or more .....	40.8	33.7	21.5

<sup>1</sup> Excludes Navels.

<sup>2</sup> Excludes seedy variety.

The charts below show the distribution of fruit sizes in 2024 compared to 2025. The diameter measurements shown are the minimum values of each eighth inch range, except for the smallest values

**Fruit Size Frequency Measurements, Non-Valencia Oranges <sup>1</sup>, by Diameter - Florida: December Survey**



**Fruit Size Frequency Measurements, Red Grapefruit, by Diameter - Florida: December Survey**

