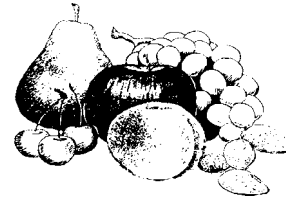


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NOVEMBER CROP COMMENTS

Kiwifruit, persimmon, pomegranate, avocado, and late variety table grape harvests were active in November. Growers pruned fruit and nut orchards as weather permitted. Navel orange harvest gained momentum in November with more than 10 percent of

the crop picked. Quality has been reported as good to excellent with large sized fruit. Other citrus crops picked were grapefruit, lemons, and tangerines. Quality was reported good for all of them.

FRUIT AND NUT STATISTICS AT A GLANCE

Crop	Bearing Acreage		Yield Per Acre		Estimated Production		Production Percent Change	Next 1997 Crop Update
	1996	1997	1996	1997	1996	1997		
NUT CROPS	- Acres -		- Pounds -		- 1,000 Pounds -			
Almonds (Shelled)	405,000	420,000	1,260	1,620	510,000	680,000	33.0	January 22, 1998
Pecans	2,500	2,500	520	1,120	1,300	2,800	115.0	January 22, 1998
Pistachio (In-Shell)								
Marketable In-Shell	---	---	---	---	85,000	---		
Shelling Stock	---	---	---	---	20,000	---		
Total	64,300	65,400	1,630	2,600	105,000	170,000	62.0	January 22, 1998
Walnuts (In-Shell) 1/	169,000	170,000	- Tons -		- 1,000 Tons -			
			1.23	1.35	208.0	230.0	11.0	January 22, 1998
FRUIT CROPS	- Acres -		- Tons -		- 1,000 Tons -			
Apples	36,200	36,600	12.45	12.30	450.0	450.0	NC	January 22, 1998
Apricots	20,200	20,400	3.76	6.13	76.0	125.0	65.0	January 22, 1998
Cherries	12,900	13,700	1.91	2.55	24.6	35.0	42.0	January 22, 1998
Grapes, Raisin 2/	270,000	268,000	8.10	9.70	2,186.0	2,600.0	19.0	January 22, 1998
Grapes, Table	74,500	75,000	7.95	9.33	592.0	700.0	18.0	January 22, 1998
Grapes, Wine	311,000	325,000	7.15	8.31	2,225.0	2,700.0	21.0	January 22, 1998
Grapes, All 2/	655,500	668,000	7.63	8.98	5,003.0	6,000.0	20.0	January 22, 1998
Olives	33,700	33,700	4.93	2.82	166.0	95.0	-43.0	January 22, 1998
Peaches, Clingstone	31,000	31,000	17.65	17.70	546.5	550.0	1.0	January 22, 1998
Peaches, Freestone	34,300	35,200	9.25	10.80	316.5	380.0	20.0	January 22, 1998
Pears, Bartlett	18,900	18,800	15.20	16.00	287.0	300.0	5.0	January 22, 1998
Pears, Other	4,800	4,800	6.25	6.25	30.0	30.0	NC	January 22, 1998
Prunes (Dried Weight)	80,200	81,200	2.74	2.65	220.0	215.0	-2.0	January 22, 1998
BERRIES	1,996	1,997	1996	1997	1996	1997		
	- Acres -		- Cwt. -		- 1,000 Cwt. -			
Strawberries	25,200	22,600	540	560	13,608	12,656	-7.0	January 22, 1998
CITRUS CROP 3/	1996-97	1997-98	1996-97	1997-98	1996-97	1997-98		
	- Acres -		- Cartons -		- 1,000 Cartons -			
Grapefruit	18,600	18,600	882	968	16,400	18,000	10.0	January 9, 1998
Lemons	46,500	47,300	860	930	40,000	44,000	10.0	January 9, 1998
Oranges, Navel	124,000	125,000	646	704	80,000	88,000	10.0	January 9, 1998
Oranges, Valencia	75,000	75,000	746	800	56,000	60,000	7.0	January 9, 1998
Tangerines 4/	8,700	8,800	598	545	5,200	4,800	-8.0	January 9, 1998

1/ The Walnut Handlers' Report released November 14 totaled 246 thousand tons. (Results on Page 2.)

2/ The Raisin Industry Diversion Program (RID) was not used in 1996 or 1997.

3/ Grapefruit -- 33.5 lbs. per carton; Lemons -- 38.0 lbs. per carton; Oranges -- 37.5 lbs. per carton; Tangerines -- 37.5 lbs. per carton.

4/ Includes tangelos, tangerines and tangors.

FLORIDA CITRUS

Florida's citrus belt weather was generally normal for November with mild days, cool nights and a lot of overcast weather. Rainfall was generally adequate for the month, however, many growers on the high sand hills were irrigating to try to raise juice levels in the early maturing fruit. The cool weather and short days have generally stopped new growth in all areas except the very southern areas. Most early and mid-season fruit are showing good on tree color break. Harvest of early oranges for processing increased rapidly during November as most processing plants opened a little early to get a jump start on the record size orange crop.

Fresh fruit packing houses have been very busy packing Navels, Hamlins and Ambersweet oranges, white and colored grapefruit, early tangerines, K-early citrus fruit and tangelos. Several packers are very busy with gift fruit and fund raising projects. Caretakers in most areas are cutting cover crops prior to harvesting and for fire protection. Fertilizer and spray applications are limited to some of the better cared for groves. Some growers are still resetting new young trees where dead trees have been removed.

SUMMARY OF WALNUT HANDLERS' REPORTS

Based on a special survey of handlers, the 1997 walnut quantity to be handled is expected to total 246 thousand in-shell tons. This is 19 percent above last year's quantity handled of 207 thousand tons, and 7 percent above the September forecast. Of the 1997 total, 9.68 thousand tons were produced by handlers, 230.1 thousand tons were purchased to date, and the handlers estimated their remaining purchases at 6.33 thousand tons.

Information contained in this report was supplied by handlers of walnuts as requested and funded by the Walnut Marketing Board. The report includes all tonnages of walnuts that were either produced by the handler or purchased from producers, as well as estimated remaining purchases.

This estimate of quantity handled is based on a survey of walnut handlers conducted by the California Agricultural Statistics Service in early November. Reports received through November 13 are included in this summary. Reporting handlers' tonnage accounted for 97 percent of the 1997 total production estimated by this survey. For handlers not responding to the survey, their tonnage was estimated using last year's tonnage, and applying the same percent change as the handlers who reported both last year and this year.



1996 QUANTITY HANDLED VS. 1997 ESTIMATED QUANTITY TO BE HANDLED

1996 <u>a/</u>			1997 <u>b/</u>			
Total Quantity Produced By Handler	TOTAL QUANTITY PURCHASED From Producers	TOTAL QUANTITY HANDLED	Total Quantity Produced By Handler	PURCHASES TO DATE From Producers	ESTIMATED REMAINING PURCHASES From Producers	ESTIMATED TOTAL QUANTITY TO BE HANDLED
--- Tons ---			----- Tons -----			
9,712	197,531	207,243	9,680	230,060	6,330	246,070

a/ From Walnut, Raisin, and Prune Report released October 17, 1997.

b/ Based on reported data, plus an estimate for non-reporting handlers derived as follows: Non-reporting handlers volume in 1996 times percent change (1997 crop/1996 crop) for reporting handlers.

1998 RELEASE DATES					
NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE					
AND CALIFORNIA AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE					
12:00 NOON RELEASE (* 5:30 AM PST RELEASE)					
JANUARY	9	Cotton Ginnings *	FEBRUARY	4	Dairy Products
		Crop Production *		11	Cotton Ginnings *
	13	Crop Production - Annual *			Crop Production *
		Grain Stocks *		13	Potato Stocks
		Rice Stocks *			Crop Values
		Winter Wheat & Rye Seedings *			Cattle On Feed
		Potato Stocks		20	Cold Storage - Annual
	15	Milk Production			Cold Storage
	16	Turkeys			Farm Labor
		Vegetables		23	Honey
		Vegetables - Annual		24	Chickens & Eggs
	21	Cold Storage			
	22	Non-citrus Fruits & Nuts Summary			
	23	Cattle On Feed			
	26	Cotton Ginnings *			
	29	Layers & Egg Production - Annual			
	30	Cattle			
		Sheep & Goats			
		Chickens & Eggs			
MARCH	6	Livestock Slaughter - Annual	APRIL	9	Vegetables
	12	Crop Production *			Crop Production *
	13	Cattle On Feed		14	Potato Stocks
		Potato Stocks		15	Hatchery Production - Annual
	20	Cold Storage		17	Cattle On Feed
	23	Chickens & Eggs			Sheep
	25	Cotton Ginnings *		20	Cold Storage
	27	Hogs & Pigs		24	Chickens & Eggs
	31	Grain Stocks *			Meat Animals - Prod./Disp./Income
		Rice Stocks *			Dairy Production - Annual
		Prospective Plantings *		27	Floriculture Crops
MAY	12	Cotton Ginnings - Annual *	JUNE	12	Crop Production *
		Crop Production *		19	Cattle On Feed
	15	Cattle On Feed			Cold Storage
	18	Milk Prod./Disp./Income		23	Chickens & Eggs
	20	Cold Storage		26	Hogs & Pigs
		Ag. Chemical Usage - Field Crops			Almond Production (Tent.)
	22	Chickens & Eggs		30	Grain Stocks *
		Farm Labor			Acreage *
JULY	7	Non-citrus Fruits & Nuts - Annual	AUGUST	12	Cotton Ginnings *
	9	Vegetables			Crop Production *
	10	Crop Production *		14	Cattle On Feed
	17	Cattle		21	Cold Storage
		Cattle On Feed			Farm Labor
		Sheep		24	Chickens & Eggs
	20	Cold Storage		28	Rice Stocks *
		Farm Production Expenditures			
	21	Ag. Chemical Usage - Fruits			
		Chickens & Eggs			
	23	Ag. Prices - Annual			
SEPTEMBER	4	Walnut Production (Tent.)	OCTOBER	8	Vegetables
	10	Vegetables		9	Cotton Ginnings *
	11	Crop Production *			Crop Production *
		Cotton Ginnings *		16	Cattle On Feed
	18	Cattle On Feed		20	Cold Storage
		Cold Storage		23	Chickens & Eggs
	22	Chickens & Eggs			Cotton Ginnings *
	23	Citrus Fruits		30	Rice Stocks *
	25	Cotton Ginnings *			
		Hogs & Pigs			
	30	Small Grain Summary *			
		Grain Stocks *			
NOVEMBER	10	Cotton Ginnings *	DECEMBER	11	Cotton Ginnings *
		Crop Production *			Crop Production *
	13	Cattle On Feed		18	Cattle On Feed
		Sheep			Cold Storage
	20	Farm Labor		21	Chickens & Eggs
		Cold Storage		23	Cotton Ginnings *
	23	Chickens & Eggs		29	Hogs & Pigs
	25	Cotton Ginnings *			