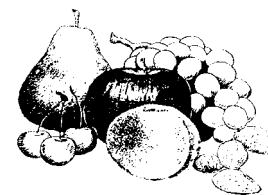


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FLORIDA CITRUS

November was very dry in virtually all of Florida's citrus growing counties. Growers and caretakers have been irrigating to maintain good tree and fruit condition. Very little new foliage is on any of the trees due to the dryness, shorter days, and cooler temperature. By the end of November, most of the early types of fruit had excellent on-tree coloring for the fresh packing houses. Maturity continues to be a problem on many early crops due to prolonged and multiple blooms last spring. Some fresh fruit picking crews are trying to spot-pick mature fruit to avoid the later bloom green fruit. All of the packing houses are running full-bore at this time along with most of the processing plants. Some of the processors have started running around the clock to move the fruit they have committed. Caretakers were very busy during the month cutting cover crops that had grown out of control due to the help of the heavy rains in October. Some sprays are being applied to help prevent brown rot. Growers are still pushing and burning dead trees. Some resetting is being done in the larger groves.

NOVEMBER CROP COMMENTS

The harvest was complete for many crops and growers were busy in November pruning, removing trees, and planting cover crops. Other activities included fumigating the ground to be prepared for new plantings of peach, prune, walnut, and almond trees. Kiwifruit and persimmon harvests were still active in November, but picking of grapes for fresh and wine uses was winding down. Olive and pecan harvests were also near completion by month's end. Picking of old crop Valencia oranges was completed, while the harvest of new crop Navel oranges gathered momentum. Color and maturity have been behind normal progress. Picking of lemons and grapefruit was active in Southern California. Tangerine harvest was also active in November.

FRUIT AND NUT STATISTICS AT A GLANCE

Crop	Bearing Acreage		Yield Per Acre		Estimated Production		Production Percent Change	Next Crop Update
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999		
NUT CROPS	Acres		Pounds		1,000 Pounds			
Almonds (Shelled)	460,000	480,000	1,130	1,730	520,000	830,000	60	January 20, 2000
Pecans	2,600	2,600	654	885	1,700	2,300	35	January 20, 2000
Pistachio (In-Shell)								
Marketable In-Shell	---	---	---	---	138,000	---		
Shelling Stock	---	---	---	---	50,000	---		
Total	65,900	68,000	2,850	1,620	188,000	110,000	-41	January 20, 2000
			Tons		1,000 Tons			
Walnuts (In-Shell)	193,000	193,000	1.18	1.45	227.0	280.0	23	January 20, 2000
FRUIT CROPS	Acres		Tons		1,000 Tons			
Apples	37,000	35,000	11.00	11.80	407.5	412.5	1	January 20, 2000
Apricots	20,000	19,000	5.65	6.58	113.0	125.0	11	January 20, 2000
Cherries	17,500	17,500	0.88	2.86	15.0	50.0	233	January 20, 2000
Grapes, Raisin 1/	275,000	275,000	7.85	8.18	2,158.0	2,250.0	4	January 20, 2000
Grapes, Table	83,000	85,000	7.77	8.82	645.0	750.0	16	January 20, 2000
Grapes, Wine	385,000	410,000	6.68	7.07	2,570.0	2,900.0	13	January 20, 2000
Grapes, All 1/	743,000	770,000	7.23	7.66	5,373.0	5,900.0	10	January 20, 2000
Olives	35,300	35,300	2.55	3.54	90.0	125.0	39	January 20, 2000
Peaches, Clingstone	30,400	29,800	17.19	18.46	522.5	550.0	5	January 20, 2000
Peaches, Freestone	36,100	37,000	9.80	9.32	355.0	345.0	-3	January 20, 2000
Pears, Bartlett	15,000	15,000	17.20	19.00	277.0	285.0	3	January 20, 2000
Pears, Other	4,300	4,300	6.98	6.98	30.0	30.0	N/C	January 20, 2000
Prunes (Dried Weight)	83,000	83,000	1.30	2.17	108.0	180.0	67	January 20, 2000
BERRIES	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999		
	Acres		Cwt.		1,000 Cwt.			
Strawberries	24,200	24,700	580	600	14,040	14,820	6	January 20, 2000
CITRUS CROP 2/	1998-99	1999-00	1998-99	1999-00	1998-99	1999-00		
	Acres		Cartons		1,000 Cartons			
Grapefruit	16,600	16,600	904	964	15,000	16,000	7	January 11, 2000
Lemons	48,500	48,500	668	845	32,400	41,000	27	January 11, 2000
Oranges, Navel	128,000	130,000	328	616	42,000	80,000	91	January 11, 2000
Oranges, Valencia	73,500	73,500	462	735	34,000	54,000	59	January 11, 2000
Tangerines 3/	8,600	8,600	348	535	3,000	4,600	53	January 11, 2000

1/ The Raisin Industry Diversion Program (RID) was not used in 1998 or 1999.

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

3/ Includes tangelos, tangerines and tangors.

**2000 RELEASE DATES
NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE
AND CALIFORNIA AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE
12:00 NOON RELEASE (* 5:30 AM PST RELEASE)**

JANUARY	11	Cotton Ginnings *	FEBRUARY	3	Dairy Products
	11	Crop Production *		11	Cotton Ginnings *
	12	Crop Production - Annual *		11	Crop Production *
	12	Grain Stocks *		11	Crop Values
	12	Rice Stocks *		14	Potato Stocks
	12	Turkeys		18	Cattle On Feed
	12	Winter Wheat & Rye Seedings *		18	Cold Storage - Annual
	13	Vegetables		18	Cold Storage
	14	Potato Stocks		18	Farm Labor
	14	Vegetables - Annual		22	Chickens & Eggs
	18	Milk Production		28	Honey
	20	Non-citrus Fruits & Nuts Preliminary			
	21	Cold Storage			
	21	Cattle On Feed			
	25	Cotton Ginnings *			
	28	Chicken & Egg Production - Annual			
	28	Cattle			
	28	Sheep & Goats			
	31	Chickens & Eggs			
MARCH	3	Livestock Slaughter - Annual	APRIL	7	Vegetables
	10	Crop Production *		11	Crop Production *
	14	Potato Stocks		13	Potato Stocks
	17	Cattle On Feed		14	Cattle On Feed
	20	Cold Storage		18	Hatchery Production - Annual
	21	Chickens & Eggs		20	Cold Storage
	24	Cotton Ginnings *		24	Chickens & Eggs
	24	Hogs & Pigs		25	Dairy Products - Annual
	31	Grain Stocks *		25	Floriculture Crops
	31	Rice Stocks *		25	Milk Prod./Disp./Income
	31	Prospective Plantings *		27	Meat Animals Prod./Disp./Income
MAY	12	Cotton Ginnings - Annual *	JUNE	9	Crop Production *
	12	Crop Production *		16	Cattle On Feed
	17	Ag. Chemical Usage - Field Crops		20	Cold Storage
	19	Cattle On Feed		23	Chickens & Eggs
	19	Cold Storage		23	Hogs & Pigs
	19	Farm Labor		30	Grain Stocks *
	22	Chickens & Eggs		30	Acreage *
JULY	7	Non-citrus Fruits & Nuts - Annual	AUGUST	11	Cotton Ginnings *
	10	Vegetables		11	Crop Production *
	12	Crop Production *		18	Cattle On Feed
	19	Ag. Chemical Usage - Fruits		18	Cold Storage
	20	Farm Production Expenditures		18	Farm Labor
	21	Cattle		22	Chickens & Eggs
	21	Cattle On Feed		28	Rice Stocks *
	21	Sheep			
	21	Cold Storage			
	24	Chickens & Eggs			
	24	Ag. Prices - Annual			
SEPTEMBER	8	Vegetables	OCTOBER	6	Vegetables
	12	Crop Production *		12	Cotton Ginnings *
	12	Cotton Ginnings *		12	Crop Production *
	15	Cattle On Feed		20	Cattle On Feed
	20	Cold Storage		20	Cold Storage
	21	Citrus Fruits		23	Chickens & Eggs
	22	Chickens & Eggs		25	Cotton Ginnings *
	22	Hogs & Pigs		30	Rice Stocks *
	25	Cotton Ginnings *			
	29	Small Grain Summary *			
	29	Grain Stocks *			
NOVEMBER	9	Cotton Ginnings *	DECEMBER	12	Cotton Ginnings *
	9	Crop Production *		12	Crop Production *
	17	Cattle On Feed		15	Cattle On Feed
	17	Farm Labor		20	Cold Storage
	20	Cold Storage		22	Chickens & Eggs
	21	Chickens & Eggs		22	Cotton Ginnings *
	24	Cotton Ginnings *		28	Hogs & Pigs

Commodity Ranking, Acreage, Production, Value, and Leading Producing Counties, 1998

Commodity	U.S. Rank ^{1/}	CA Share of U.S. Prod.	Area Harvested	Short Tons (2,000 Lbs.)	Total Value ^{2/}	California Rank		Harvest Season	Leading Counties ^{3/}
	No.	Percent	1,000 Acres	1,000 Tons	\$1,000	1997	1998		
FRUITS AND NUTS -- TOTAL VALUE -- \$6,498,443,000									
Almonds (Shelled)	1	100	460.0	260.0	698,600	6	10	Aug. 1-Oct. 31	Stanislaus, Kern, Fresno, Merced, Madera
Apples	4	8	37.0	407.5	122,545	32	34	July 15-Oct. 30	San Joaquin, Kern, Fresno, Santa Cruz, Madera
Apricots	1	96	20.0	113.0	31,895	59	56	May 1-July 15	Stanislaus, San Joaquin, Fresno, Tulare, Merced
Avocados	1	84	59.9	154.0	263,473	21	18	Continuous	San Diego, Ventura, Riverside, Santa Barbara
Berries, Boysenberries	2	22	0.3	0.9	1,386	73	73	June 1-July 15	---
Berries, Raspberries	3	16	1.7	7.4	28,470	65	57	June 1-Oct. 31	Santa Cruz, Monterey
Berries, F.M. Strawberries	1	81	---	469.3	644,818	---	---	---	---
Berries, Proc. Strawberries	1	89	---	232.5	138,105	---	---	---	---
Berries, All Strawberries	1	83	24.2	701.8	782,923	11	8	Feb. 20-Nov. 15	Monterey, Ventura, Santa Cruz, Orange, Santa Barbara
Cherries, Sweet	4	7	17.5	15.4	23,978	51	63	May 20-June 25	San Joaquin, Tulare, Santa Clara, Stanislaus
Dates ^{4/}	1	99	4.9	22.2	25,086	62	61	Oct. 1-Dec. 15	Riverside, Imperial
Figs ^{4/}	1	99	16.3	50.7	12,579	67	68	June 10-Sept. 15	Madera, Merced, Fresno
Grapefruit, All	2	12	16.8	268.0	67,330	56	47	Continuous	Riverside, San Diego, Kern, Tulare, Imperial
Grapes, Raisin Type	---	---	275.0	2,158.0	590,538	---	---	May 15-Nov. 15	---
Grapes, Table Type	---	---	83.0	645.0	320,847	---	---	May 25-Dec. 15	---
Grapes, Wine Type	---	---	385.0	2,570.0	1,491,908	---	---	Aug. 5-Dec. 15	---
Grapes, All	1	91	743.0	5,373.0	2,403,293	2	2	---	Fresno, Kern, Tulare, San Joaquin, Sonoma
Kiwifruit ^{4/}	1	99	5.3	36.6	24,544	66	62	Oct. 1-May 31	Tulare, Butte, Fresno, Yuba, Kings
Lemons	1	89	48.7	798.0	216,659	19	22	Continuous	Ventura, Kern, Riverside, Tulare, San Diego
Nectarines ^{4/}	1	71	35.5	230.0	108,502	38	36	June 10-Sept. 5	Fresno, Tulare, Kern, Kings
Olives	1	100	35.3	90.0	41,331	50	55	Sept. 25-Mar. 15	Tulare, Tehama, Glenn, Madera, Fresno
Oranges, Navel & Misc.	---	24	127.0	1,650.0	388,870	---	---	Nov. 25-May 15	---
Oranges, Valencia	---	22	73.2	937.5	225,740	---	---	May 15-Oct. 15	---
Oranges, All	2	23	200.2	2,587.5	614,610	12	11	---	Tulare, Kern, Fresno, Ventura, San Diego
Peaches, Clingstone	---	100	30.4	522.5	113,377	---	---	July 15-Sept. 15	---
Peaches, Freestone	---	51	36.1	355.0	113,146	---	---	May 10-Sept. 15	---
Peaches, All	1	72	66.5	877.5	226,523	23	21	---	Fresno, Tulare, Stanislaus, Sutter, Merced
Pears, All	2	32	19.3	307.0	81,201	42	43	Aug. 5-Oct. 5	Sacramento, Lake, Mendocino, Fresno, Tulare
Pecans	9	1	2.6	0.9	2,822	71	72	Sept. 1-Nov. 30	Tulare
Pistachios ^{4/}	1	98	65.9	94.0	193,640	25	25	Sept. 15-Dec. 10	Kern, Madera, Kings, Tulare, Fresno
Plums	1	88	42.0	187.0	98,845	45	38	May 25-Aug. 20	Fresno, Tulare, Kern, Madera, Kings
Prunes, Dried Basis	1	100	83.0	108.0	86,108	31	41	Aug. 15-Oct. 10	Sutter, Tulare, Butte, Tehama, Yuba
Tangerines, Mandarins, Tangelos, & Tangors	2	29	8.8	90.0	27,530	58	59	Nov. 1-Apr. 30	Kern, San Diego, Tulare, Riverside
Walnuts ^{4/}	1	99	193.0	227.0	229,270	16	20	Sept. 5-Nov. 10	San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Tulare, Butte, Sutter
Other Fruits and Nuts	---	---	6.6	600.0	85,300	---	---	---	---

^{1/} Based on quantity produced for crops.

^{2/} Based on value of quantity harvested for crops.

^{3/} Based on values published in the Annual County Agricultural Commissioners' Reports.

^{4/} Share of U.S. production based on 1997 Census of Agriculture.