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## FLORIDA CITRUS

Florida's Citrus Belt was very dry during December and rain is needed in all areas. Growers irrigated to maintain good tree and fruit condition. Temperatures the first half of the month were warm and above normal, but then the last ten days of the month were cool with a few cold nights in the low 40's. The early and mid-season fruits are generally well colored on the trees. Some tangerines are so brightly colored on the trees that they only need to be washed before packing. Harvesting crews have been very active moving large quantities of early and mid-season oranges to the processors. Fresh fruit packing houses worked long hours up until the weekend before Christmas to try to fill most of their orders. Caretakers were busy during the month mowing, chopping, and discing cover crops for fire protection prior to harvest. Growers are continuing to push and burn their dead trees. Due to the unseasonably warm temperatures during December, some of the cleanup sprays have been applied to a few of the mid and late season fresh crops. A few young tree groves in the northern part of the citrus belt have been banked for cold protection. Heaters have been placed and fueled in some of the coldest locations.

## DECEMBER FRUIT COMMENTS

Seasonal cultural activities such as pruning, grafting, cultivating, and dormant spraying continued in orchards and vineyards. Some older variety trees and vines have been removed in preparation for planting replacements. Brush was shredded and disced, or piled for removal. Harvest of table grapes intended for fresh consumption was nearly completed by mid-December. Persimmons and Wonderful variety pomegranates were picked. Walnuts were delivered to drying facilities. A few pecans were harvested in the San Joaquin Valley. Picking of Navel oranges continued throughout December, with approximately 20 percent of the crop harvested by month's end. Cool evening temperatures during late December helped with fruit coloration. Pummelo and Oroblanco grapefruit harvests were active in the desert with overall quality reported as very good. Picking of lemons was active in the desert, central valley, and south coast areas. Quality was reported as very good with normal shaped fruit. Harvest of Satsumas, Mineolas, and Fairchilds was active during December. Fruit size was reported as larger than normal, and quality was also reported to be very good.

## FRUIT AND NUT STATISTICS AT A GLANCE

Crop	Bearing Acreage		Yield Per Acre		Estimated Production		Production Percent Change	Next Crop Update
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001		
<b>NUT CROPS</b>	Acres		Pounds		1,000 Pounds			
Almonds (Shelled)	500,000	525,000	1,410	1,620	703,000	850,000	21	January 25, 2002
Pecans	2,600	2,600	1,310	1,190	3,400	3,100	-9	January 25, 2002
Pistachio (In-Shell)								
Marketable In-Shell	---	---	---	---	190,000	---		
Shelling Stock	---	---	---	---	53,000	---		
Total	74,600	78,000	3,260	2,560	243,000	200,000	-18	January 25, 2002
Walnuts (In-Shell)	193,000	196,000	Tons		1,000 Tons			
			1.24	1.43	239.0	280.0	17	January 25, 2002
<b>FRUIT CROPS</b>								
Apples	31,000	29,000	10.50	12.00	325.0	348.0	7	January 25, 2002
Apricots	19,000	18,000	4.84	4.17	92.0	75.0	-18	January 25, 2002
Cherries	19,000	20,000	2.47	3.00	47.0	60.0	28	January 25, 2002
Grapes, Raisin 1/	280,000	280,000	10.30	8.37	2,892.0	2,000.0	-31	January 25, 2002
Grapes, Table	89,000	91,000	8.69	8.79	773.0	800.0	3	January 25, 2002
Grapes, Wine	458,000	480,000	7.34	6.46	3,364.0	3,100.0	-8	January 25, 2002
Grapes, All 1/	827,000	851,000	8.50	7.28	7,029.0	5,900.0	-16	January 25, 2002
Olives	36,000	36,000	1.47	3.47	53.0	125.0	136	January 25, 2002
Peaches, Clingstone	28,200	28,800	18.85	18.20	532.0	525.0	-1	January 25, 2002
Peaches, Freestone	39,000	39,000	10.15	10.00	395.5	390.0	-1	January 25, 2002
Pears, Bartlett	15,000	14,000	18.80	16.40	282.0	230.0	-18	January 25, 2002
Pears, Other	4,300	4,300	6.98	6.98	30.0	30.0	N/C	January 25, 2002
Plums, Dried (Dried Weight) 2/	86,000	86,000	2.55	1.80	219.0	155.0	-29	January 25, 2002
<b>BERRIES</b>			Cwt.		1,000 Cwt.			
Strawberries	27,600	26,400	550	535	15,180	14,124	-7	January 25, 2002
<b>CITRUS CROPS 3/</b>	2000-01	2001-02	2000-01	2001-02	2000-01	2001-02		
			Cartons		1,000 Cartons			
Grapefruit	15,400	15,000	844	805	13,000	12,400	-5	April 10, 2002
Lemons	49,500	49,500	917	889	45,400	44,000	-3	April 10, 2002
Oranges, Navel	128,000	128,000	563	500	72,000	64,000	-11	April 10, 2002
Oranges, Valencia	66,500	66,500	692	662	46,000	44,000	-4	April 10, 2002
Tangerines 4/	8,800	9,000	477	523	4,200	4,600	10	April 10, 2002

1/ The Raisin Industry Diversion Program (RID) had zero acreage enrolled for 2000, but 41,000 acres were enrolled for 2001.

2/ Forecast carried forward from June 2001.

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

4/ Includes tangelos, tangerines and tangors.

**Oranges** - The 2001-02 California Navel orange forecast is 64.0 million cartons, unchanged from October, but 11 percent below last season's crop. Harvest of the Navel orange crop is continuing with approximately 20 percent of the crop harvested by January 1. Late in 2001, cool evening temperatures helped with fruit coloration. Fruit sizes are reported to be greater than last year, and may be the largest on record since the 1984-85 season. The 2001-02 Valencia orange forecast is 44.0 million cartons, unchanged from October, but 4 percent below last season's crop.

**Grapefruit** - The 2001-02 California grapefruit forecast is estimated at 12.4 million cartons, up 3 percent from October, but down 5 percent from last year. Pummelo and Oroblanco grapefruit harvests are active in the desert with overall quality reported as very good.

**Lemons** - The 2001-02 California lemon forecast is 44.0 million cartons, down 4 percent from October and 3 percent below last year. The season is progressing with no major problems to date. Harvest is active in the desert and the Central Valley with very good quality reported.

**Tangerines** - The 2001-02 California tangerine crop is forecast at 4.60 million cartons, down 8 percent from October, but up 10 percent from last year. Harvest of Satsumas is nearly done, while harvest of Mineolas and Fairchilds remain active. Harvest of Mandarins is expected to begin in February. Fruit size is reported as larger than normal. Quality is also reported to be very good.

**CITRUS FRUIT PRODUCTION BY STATE AND U.S.**

Crop and State	1999-00	2000-01	Forecast 2001-02
	1,000 Cartons		
<b>ORANGES: 1/</b>			
California, All	128,000	118,000	108,000
Navel & Misc.	80,000	72,000	64,000
Valencia	48,000	46,000	44,000
Florida	466,000	446,600	462,000
Texas	3,320	4,470	3,800
Arizona	2,200	1,800	1,400
<b>ALL U.S. ORANGES</b>	<b>599,520</b>	<b>570,870</b>	<b>575,200</b>
<b>GRAPEFRUIT: 2/</b>			
California	14,400	13,000	12,400
Florida	106,800	92,000	94,000
Texas	11,860	14,400	14,600
Arizona	900	500	400
<b>ALL U.S. GRAPEFRUIT</b>	<b>133,960</b>	<b>119,900</b>	<b>121,400</b>
<b>LEMONS: 3/</b>			
California	38,000	45,400	44,000
Arizona	6,200	7,200	6,200
<b>ALL U.S. LEMONS</b>	<b>44,200</b>	<b>52,600</b>	<b>50,200</b>
<b>TANGERINES: 4/</b>			
California 5/	5,000	4,200	4,600
Florida	14,000	11,200	12,800
Arizona	1,700	1,300	1,300
<b>ALL U.S. TANGERINES</b>	<b>20,700</b>	<b>16,700</b>	<b>18,700</b>

- 1/ ORANGES: California and Arizona, 1 carton = 37.5 lbs.; Florida, 1 carton = 45 lbs.; Texas, 1 carton = 42.5 lbs.
- 2/ GRAPEFRUIT: California and Arizona, 1 carton = 33.5 lbs.; Florida, 1 carton = 42.5 lbs.; Texas, 1 carton = 40 lbs.
- 3/ LEMONS: All, 1 carton = 38 lbs.
- 4/ TANGERINES: California and Arizona, 1 carton = 37.5 lbs.; Florida, 1 carton = 47.5 lbs.
- 5/ Includes tangelos, tangerines, and tangors.

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