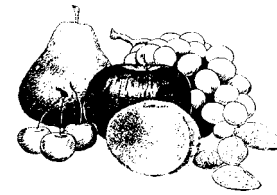


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NOVEMBER CROP COMMENTS

Pruning, cultivating and dormant spraying continued in orchards and vineyards. Vineyard and orchard removal and ground preparation for future plantings was active in most areas. Table grape harvesting was winding down. Red Globe, Crimson Seedless and Autumn Royal were the primary varieties still being picked and packed. Plastic coverings were placed in some late variety vineyards to protect clusters from rain damage. Hayward kiwifruit and Hachiya and Fuyu variety persimmon harvests continued.

The fall strawberry harvest was complete in most areas, however, a few Central Valley strawberry fields continued to produce fruit for sale at roadside stands. The harvest of Zutano and Bacon avocados was underway with large sizes reported. Olive harvesting continued, but was nearing completion. Pecan harvesting was underway. Walnut harvesting continued in a few locations. Pre-emergent herbicide applications continued in some citrus groves. Rainfall slightly hindered harvest in some areas. Cooler temperatures continued to improve color and maturity. Lemons, Satsuma mandarins, Oroblanco grapefruit hybrids, and Chandler pummelos were picked and hauled to citrus packing houses.

FRUIT AND NUT STATISTICS AT A GLANCE

Crop	Bearing Acreage		Yield Per Acre		Estimated Production		Production Percent Change	Next Crop Update
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003		
NUT CROPS	Acres		Pounds		1,000 Pounds			
Almonds (Shelled)	530,000	530,000	2,060	1,890	1,090,000	1,000,000	-8	January 23, 2004
Pecans	2,600	2,600	1,460	1,420	3,800	3,700	-3	January 23, 2004
Pistachio (In-Shell)								
Marketable In-Shell	---	---	---	---	242,000	---		
Shelling Stock	---	---	---	---	61,000	---		
Total	83,000	88,000	3,650	2,050	303,000	180,000	-41	January 23, 2004
Walnuts (In-Shell)	200,000	205,000	Tons		1,000 Tons			
			1.41	1.54	282.0	315.0	12	January 23, 2004
FRUIT CROPS	Acres				1,000 Tons			
Apples	26,000	26,000	9.04	9.81	235.0	255.0	9	January 23, 2004
Apricots	17,000	16,500	5.00	5.15	85.0	85.0	N/C	January 23, 2004
Cherries	26,000	27,000	2.13	2.22	55.5	60.0	8	January 23, 2004
Grapes, Raisin ^{1/}	246,000	255,000	11.50	9.02	2,833.0	2,300.0	-19	January 23, 2004
Grapes, Table	88,000	89,000	8.40	7.75	739.0	690.0	-7	January 23, 2004
Grapes, Wine	486,000	479,000	6.48	6.26	3,149.0	3,000.0	-5	January 23, 2004
Grapes, All	820,000	823,000	8.20	7.28	6,721.0	5,990.0	-11	January 23, 2004
Olives	36,000	36,000	2.86	3.19	103.0	115.0	12	January 23, 2004
Peaches, Clingstone	31,000	31,300	18.10	18.80	562.0	590.0	5	January 23, 2004
Peaches, Freestone	39,000	39,000	10.20	9.87	398.0	385.0	-3	January 23, 2004
Pears, Bartlett	13,500	12,500	17.20	17.60	232.0	220.0	-5	January 23, 2004
Pears, Other	4,300	4,300	6.98	6.98	30.0	30.0	N/C	January 23, 2004
Plums, Dried ^{2/}	74,000	72,000	2.31	2.64	171.0	190.0	11	January 23, 2004
BERRIES			Cwt.		1,000 Cwt.			
Strawberries	28,500	29,600	595	600	16,957	17,760	5	January 29, 2004
CITRUS CROP ^{3/}	2002-03	2003-04	2002-03	2003-04	2002-03	2003-04		
			Cartons		1,000 Cartons			
Grapefruit	13,000	12,500	862	880	11,200	11,000	-2	January 12, 2004
Lemons	49,000	49,000	980	939	48,000	46,000	-4	January 12, 2004
Oranges, Navel	127,500	128,000	643	609	82,000	78,000	-5	January 12, 2004
Oranges, Valencia	64,000	62,500	656	640	42,000	40,000	-5	January 12, 2004
Tangerines ^{4/}	9,200	9,500	543	526	5,000	5,000	N/C	January 12, 2004

^{1/} The Raisin Industry Diversion Program (RID) had 27,000 acres enrolled for 2002, but zero acreage in 2003. RID acreage is deducted from bearing acreage

^{2/} Forecast carried forward from June 2003.

^{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.

Commodity Rank, Acreage, Production, Value and Leading Producing Counties, 2002

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/
	Number	Percent	1,000 Acres	1,000 Tons	\$1,000	2001	2002		
						Number			
FRUITS AND NUTS									
TOTAL VALUE -- \$7,885,185,000									
Almonds (Shelled) 4/	1	99	530.0	545.0	1,189,870	10	6	Aug. 1-Oct. 31	Kern, Stanislaus, Fresno, Merced, Madera
Apples	4	5	26.0	235.0	93,840	41	39	July 15-Oct. 30	San Joaquin, Kern, Fresno, Santa Cruz, Stanislaus
Apricots	1	93	17.0	85.0	22,964	62	61	May 1-July 15	Stanislaus, Fresno, San Joaquin, Merced, Kern
Avocados	1	90	58.0	200.0	358,000	17	16	Continuous	San Diego, Ventura, Santa Barbara, Riverside
Berries, Boysenberries	2	32	0.2	1.0	1,372	73	74	June 1-July 15	---
Berries, Raspberries	2	26	2.4	14.6	40,851	54	54	June 1-Oct. 31	Santa Cruz, Monterey, Ventura
Berries, F.M. Strawberries	1	85	---	632.1	852,071	---	---	---	---
Berries, Proc. Strawberries	1	90	---	215.8	138,512	---	---	---	---
Berries, All Strawberries	1	86	28.5	847.9	990,583	8	7	Feb. 20-Nov. 15	Ventura, Monterey, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, Orange
Cherries, Sweet	2	31	26.0	55.5	93,315	40	40	May 20-June 25	San Joaquin, Fresno, Kern, Tulare, Stanislaus
Dates 4/	1	99	4.5	24.2	37,510	61	56	Oct. 1-Dec. 15	Riverside, Imperial
Figs 4/	1	99	12.9	54.4	18,012	66	65	June 10-Sept. 15	Madera, Merced
Grapefruit, All	3	10	14.0	197.7	47,485	50	53	Continuous	Riverside, Tulare, Kern, Imperial, San Diego
Grapes, Raisin Type	---	---	246.0	2,833.0	438,458	---	---	May 15-Nov. 15	---
Grapes, Table Type	---	---	88.0	739.0	456,944	---	---	May 25-Dec. 15	---
Grapes, Wine Type	---	---	486.0	3,149.0	1,683,452	---	---	Aug. 5-Dec. 15	---
Grapes, All	1	91	820.0	6,721.0	2,578,854	2	2	---	Kern, Fresno, Tulare, Napa, Sonoma
Kiwifruit 4/	1	99	4.5	26.1	18,097	65	64	Oct. 1-May 31	Tulare, Butte, Yuba, Fresno, Kern
Lemons	1	87	49.5	695.4	287,026	22	20	Continuous	Ventura, Kern, Riverside, Tulare, Imperial
Nectarines 4/	1	99	36.5	299.0	114,517	33	34	June 10-Sept. 5	Fresno, Tulare, Kings, Kern, Stanislaus
Olives 4/	1	99	36.0	103.0	60,725	37	49	Sept. 25-Mar. 15	Tulare, Glenn, Tehama, Madera, Butte
Oranges, Navel and Misc.	---	21	128.0	1,200.0	412,305	---	---	Nov. 25-May 15	---
Oranges, Valencia	---	18	65.0	731.3	146,538	---	---	May 15-Oct. 15	---
Oranges, All	2	19	193.0	1,931.3	558,843	13	12	---	Tulare, Kern, Fresno, Ventura, Riverside
Peaches, Clingstone	1	100	31.0	562.0	132,639	---	---	July 15-Sept. 15	---
Peaches, Freestone	1	55	39.0	398.0	138,369	---	---	May 10-Sept. 15	---
Peaches, All	1	75	70.0	960.0	271,008	20	21	---	Fresno, Tulare, Sutter, Stanislaus, Kings
Pears, All	2	30	17.3	262.0	68,270	43	44	Aug. 5-Oct. 5	Sacramento, Lake, Fresno, Mendocino, Tulare
Pecans	8	1	2.6	1.9	4,826	70	71	Sept. 1-Nov. 30	Tulare
Pistachios 4/	1	99	83.0	151.5	336,330	31	17	Sept. 15-Dec. 10	Kern, Madera, Tulare, Kings, Fresno
Plums	1	91	36.0	201.0	77,586	46	41	May 25-Aug. 20	Fresno, Tulare, Kings, Kern, Madera
Plums, Dried 4/ (Prunes)	1	99	74.0	171.0	131,220	36	32	Aug. 15-Oct. 10	Tehama, Yuba, Sutter, Butte, Glenn
Tangerines, Mandarins, Tangelos, and Tangors	2	23	9.0	82.5	38,821	56	55	Nov. 1-Apr. 30	Tulare, Riverside, San Diego, Placer, Imperial
Walnuts 4/	1	99	200.0	282.0	304,560	16	19	Sept. 5-Nov. 10	San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Butte, Tulare, Sutter
Other Fruits and Nuts	---	---	43.0	259.0	140,700	---	---	---	---

1/ Based on quantity produced for crops and on quantity marketed for livestock and poultry products.

2/ Based on value of quantity harvested for crops, value of quantity marketed for livestock, and value of quantity produced for poultry products.

3/ Based on values published in the county agricultural commissioners' annual crop reports.

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

FLORIDA CITRUS

November weather was dry with mostly warm days and nights during the first half of the month. Most stations reported less than two inches of total rainfall for the month. Cumulative amounts for the year are still above normal levels. Temperatures were generally above normal levels until late in the month when the first cold front of the winter passed through the state. Lows reached from the low to mid forty's on two mornings. Growers returned to irrigation on a regular basis during the month to maintain surface soil moisture levels. Citrus crops and trees in all areas are making excellent progress

with no major problems reported. Good to excellent fruit sizes are reported. Growers are conducting typical fall cultural practices including weed and cover crop control and dead tree removal and replacement. All fresh fruit packing houses are packing Navel and Hamlin oranges, white and colored grapefruit, and Sunburst tangerines. By the end of the month, Fallglo tangerine shipments were complete. All processors are open to receive packinghouse eliminations and field run early oranges. Harvest labor is beginning to arrive for harvesting the large, early-mid crop.

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