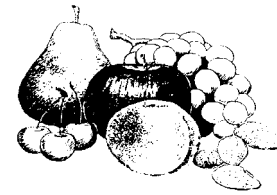


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A small amount of late variety almonds and walnuts were harvested the first half of the month, but harvest was essentially complete by month's end. Pecan harvest began in the Clovis district. Post harvest pruning, shredding, irrigating, weeding, and manure and compost spreading was underway in many nut orchards. Olive harvest for canning was complete by the last week of the month.

NOVEMBER CROP COMMENTS

The prolonged raisin grape harvest was complete by mid-November, so growers began taking down terraces, leveling the drives between rows, and irrigating. Table grape harvesting continued throughout the month, but began winding down. Varieties picked included Red Globe, Autumn Royal, Crimson Seedless, Christmas Rose, Ruby Seedless, Calmeria, Rouge, and Emperor. Wine grape harvesting continued during the month in some coastal areas. Post harvest activities were underway in vineyards and orchards, such as irrigation and nitrogen fertilizer applications. Harvesting of Asian pears, apples, Wonderful pomegranates, Fuyu and Hachiya persimmons, figs, and kiwifruit continued. Fall strawberries were sold at roadside stands in the San Joaquin Valley, and new fields of blueberries were planted.

Navel orange maturity continued to improve during the month as harvesting got underway. Harvesting slowed during the Thanksgiving holiday giving the fruit more time to gain color and increase sugar levels. Navel varieties picked and packed included Tule Golds, Fukumoto, Newhall, Early Beck, and Bonanza. A few late variety Valencia oranges were being harvested, but most remaining groves went straight for juice. The harvest of Owari and Clementine varieties of tangerines gained momentum, and pummelos were picked and packed. Grapefruit harvest continued in the southern coastal areas as well as the California desert areas. The continued shortage of fruit from Florida has created a very strong demand for California grapefruit. Lemons continued to be harvested in the desert areas, while harvest began during the month in the Central Valley.

FRUIT AND NUT STATISTICS AT A GLANCE ^{1/}

Crop	Bearing Acreage		Yield Per Acre		Estimated Production		Production Percent Change	Next Crop Update
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005		
NUT CROPS	Acres		Pounds		1,000 Pounds			
Almonds (Shelled)	550,000	550,000	1,840	1,600	1,010,000	880,000	-13	January 24, 2006
Pecans	2,600	2,700	1,350	1,440	3,500	3,900	11	January 24, 2006
Pistachio (In-Shell)								
Marketable In-Shell	---	---	---	---	254,000	---		
Shelling Stock	---	---	---	---	93,000	---		
Total	93,000	---	3,730	---	347,000	---		January 24, 2006
Walnuts (In-Shell)	217,000	219,000	Tons		1,000 Tons		5	January 24, 2006
			1.50	1.55	325.0	340.0		
FRUIT CROPS								
Apples	26,000	25,000	7.50	8.20	195.0	205.0	5	January 24, 2006
Apricots	16,000	14,500	5.88	5.86	94.0	85.0	-10	January 24, 2006
Cherries	26,000	28,000	2.81	1.61	73.0	45.0	-38	January 24, 2006
Grapes, Raisin	244,000	242,000	8.32	9.50	2,030.0	2,300.0	13	January 24, 2006
Grapes, Table	83,000	84,000	9.28	9.40	770.0	790.0	5	January 24, 2006
Grapes, Wine	473,000	474,000	5.95	6.65	2,815.0	3,150.0	12	January 24, 2006
Grapes, All	800,000	800,000	7.02	7.80	5,615.0	6,240.0	11	January 24, 2006
Olives	32,000	32,000	3.25	3.91	104.0	125.0	20	January 24, 2006
Peaches, Clingstone	32,000	30,400	16.80	17.40	539.0	530.0	-2	January 24, 2006
Peaches, Freestone	37,000	36,000	11.80	11.40	436.0	410.0	-6	January 24, 2006
Pears, Bartlett	13,000	12,000	17.20	15.00	223.0	180.0	-19	January 24, 2006
Pears, Other	4,000	4,000	12.00	11.30	48.0	45.0	-6	January 24, 2006
Plums, Dried	70,000	67,000	0.70	1.57	49.0	105.0	114	January 24, 2006
BERRIES			Cwt.		1,000 Cwt.			
Strawberries	33,200	34,300	590	575	19,588	19,723	1	January 9, 2006
CITRUS CROP ^{2/}	2004-05	2005-06	2004-05	2005-06	2004-05	2005-06		
			Cartons		1,000 Cartons			
Grapefruit	12,500	12,500	928	928	11,600	11,600	N/A	January 12, 2006
Lemons	44,000	42,000	864	905	38,000	38,000	N/A	January 12, 2006
Oranges, Navel	130,500	131,000	659	641	86,000	84,000	-2	January 12, 2006
Oranges, Valencia	45,500	42,500	791	612	36,000	26,000	-28	January 12, 2006
Tangerines ^{3/}	11,300	12,000	496	533	5,600	6,400	14	January 12, 2006

^{1/} Estimate for current year carried forward from previous forecast.

^{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.

Commodity Rank, Acreage, Production, Value and Leading Producing Counties, 2004

Commodity	U.S. Rank	CA Share of U.S. Prod.	Area Harvested	Short Tons (2,000 Lbs.)	Total Value 2/	California Rank		Harvest Season	Leading Counties 3/
	1/					2003	2004		
	Number	Percent	1,000 Acres	1,000 Tons	\$1,000	Number			
FRUITS AND NUTS									
TOTAL VALUE -- \$9,562,944,000									
Almonds (Shelled) 4/	1	99	550.0	505.0	2,200,055	5	4	Aug. 1-Oct. 31	Kern, Stanislaus, Fresno, Merced, Madera
Apples	5	4	26.0	195.0	57,185	44	53	July 15-Oct. 30	San Joaquin, Kern, Fresno, Santa Cruz, Stanislaus
Apricots	1	92	16.0	94.0	28,575	61	61	May 1-July 15	Stanislaus, Fresno, Kings, San Joaquin, Kern
Avocados	1	93	60.5	216.0	380,160	18	18	Continuous	San Diego, Ventura, Riverside, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo
Berries, Boysenberries	2	38	0.2	1.0	2,400	74	74	June 1-July 15	---
Berries, Raspberries	1	49	3.2	33.2	138,985	35	34	June 1-Oct. 31	Santa Cruz, Ventura, Monterey
Berries, Fresh Market Strawberries	1	88	33.2	741.5	1,100,386	---	---	---	Ventura, Monterey, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, San Diego
Berries, Processed Strawberries	1	92	---	237.9	118,474	---	---	---	Ventura, Santa Barbara, Monterey, San Diego
Berries, All Strawberries	1	88	33.2	979.4	1,218,860	7	7	Feb. 20-Nov. 15	Ventura, Monterey, Santa Cruz, Santa Barbara, Orange
Cherries, Sweet	2	26	26.0	73.0	123,156	39	37	May 20-June 25	San Joaquin, Fresno, Kern, Stanislaus, Tulare
Dates 4/	1	82	5.2	16.4	41,000	58	59	Oct. 1-Dec. 15	Riverside, Imperial
Figs 4/	1	98	12.5	50.8	19,463	66	64	June 10-Sept. 15	Madera, Merced
Grapefruit, All	2	11	12.5	194.3	70,191	51	50	Continuous	Riverside, Tulare, Imperial, San Diego, Kern
Grapes, Raisin Type	---	---	244.0	2,030.0	616,427	---	---	May 15-Nov. 15	Fresno, Madera, Tulare, Kern, Kings
Grapes, Table Type	---	---	83.0	770.0	535,183	---	---	May 25-Dec. 15	Kern, Tulare, Fresno, Riverside, Madera
Grapes, Wine Type	---	---	473.0	2,815.0	1,604,925	---	---	Aug. 5-Dec. 15	Napa, Sonoma, Fresno, San Joaquin, Monterey
Grapes, All	1	90	800.0	5,615.0	2,756,535	3	2	---	Fresno, Kern, Tulare, Napa, Sonoma
Kiwifruit 4/	1	97	4.5	26.7	19,977	65	63	Oct. 1-May 31	Tulare, Yuba, Butte, Fresno, Kern
Lemons	1	86	45.0	684.0	240,640	20	25	Continuous	Ventura, Riverside, Tulare, Kern, Imperial
Nectarines 4/	1	93	36.5	269.0	86,278	36	40	June 10-Sept. 5	Fresno, Tulare, Kings, Kern, Madera
Olives 4/	1	100	32.0	104.0	59,379	55	51	Sept. 25-Mar. 15	Tulare, Tehama, Glenn, Madera, Butte
Oranges, Navel and Misc.	---	23	130.0	1,481.0	421,274	---	---	Nov. 25-May 15	Tulare, Fresno, Kern, Riverside, Madera
Oranges, Valencia	---	11	52.0	413.0	142,444	---	---	May 15-Oct. 15	Tulare, Kern, Fresno, Ventura, Riverside
Oranges, All	2	17	182.0	1,894.0	563,618	14	14	---	Tulare, Kern, Fresno, Riverside, Ventura
Peaches, Clingstone	1	100	32.0	539.0	141,494	---	---	July 15-Sept. 15	Sutter, Stanislaus, Yuba, Merced, Butte
Peaches, Freestone	1	57	37.0	436.0	109,760	---	---	May 10-Sept. 15	Fresno, Tulare, Kings, Merced, San Joaquin
Peaches, All	1	75	69.0	975.0	251,254	23	24	---	Fresno, Tulare, Stanislaus, Sutter, Yuba
Pears, All	2	30	17.0	271.0	80,432	52	41	Aug. 5-Oct. 5	Sacramento, Fresno, Lake, Mendocino, Tulare
Pecans	7	2	2.6	1.8	7,735	71	70	Sept. 1-Nov. 30	Tulare
Pistachios 4/	1	96	93.0	173.5	444,160	32	16	Sept. 15-Dec. 10	Kern, Madera, Tulare, Fresno, Kings
Plums	1	86	36.0	156.0	74,347	41	45	May 25-Aug. 20	Tulare, Fresno, Kings, Kern, Madera
Plums, Dried 4/	1	99	70.0	49.0	72,000	34	48	Aug. 15-Oct. 10	Sutter, Tulare, Butte, Glenn, Tehama
Tangerines, Mandarins, Tangelos, and Tangors	2	23	10.5	82.5	36,697	57	57	Nov. 1-Apr. 30	Tulare, Riverside, San Diego, Imperial, Ventura
Walnuts 4/	1	99	217.0	325.0	438,750	17	17	Sept. 5-Nov. 10	San Joaquin, Tulare, Stanislaus, Butte, Sutter
Other Fruits and Nuts	---	---	34.0	203.0	151,112	---	---	---	---

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.

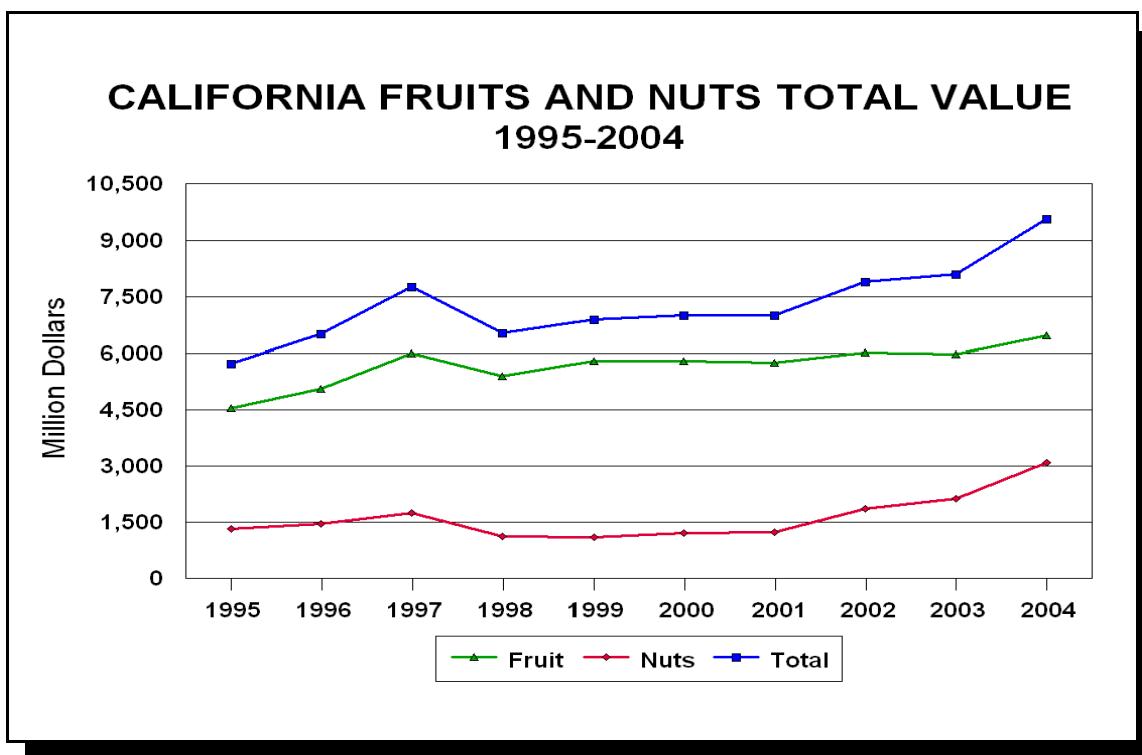
3/ Based on values published in the county agricultural commissioners' annual crop reports.

4/ Share of U.S. production based on 2002 Census of Agriculture.

FLORIDA CITRUS

Florida's citrus areas experienced cool weather during November. Temperatures were mostly at-or-below average levels all month. Several cold fronts passed through the State bringing cool morning temperatures ranging from the low 40's to mid-50's, while daytime temperatures warmed to the 60's and 70's. Rainfall was at-or-below average levels all month with limited showers ahead of the cool fronts. While lakes and canals remain generally above normal levels, surface soil moisture levels are being maintained with infrequent irrigation. December brought the end to the hurricane season with the record 14th named hurricane still wandering in the eastern Atlantic. Many trees in areas affected by Hurricane Wilma look somewhat battered, but are recovering.

Trees in other areas are reported in excellent condition. Harvest began slowly in October after the storm delay and increased during November. Navel and Hamlin oranges, Sunburst tangerines, white and colored grapefruit, and tangelos are being shipped fresh. Harvest of Ambersweet oranges and Fallglow tangerines is complete. Many processing plants are now open with all expected to be open around the clock after the New Year's break. Field run harvest of early oranges for processing has just started. Growers continued with normal fall cultural practices and cleanup operations in groves where trees were blown over by the hurricanes.



CALIFORNIA FRUITS AND NUTS TOTAL VALUE, 1995-2004 ^{a/}

Commodity	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
	Million Dollars									
Fruits	4,539	5,050	6,006	5,395	5,788	5,791	5,754	6,025	5,980	6,472
Nuts	1,374	1,470	1,753	1,138	1,104	1,213	1,247	1,869	2,129	3,091
Total	5,913	6,520	7,759	6,533	6,892	7,004	7,002	7,893	8,108	9,563

^{a/} Totals may not add due to rounding.