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NOVEMBER CROP COMMENTS

Stone fruit harvest was complete. Cultural practices such as irrigating, pruning, fertilizing, herbicide application, and the pushing out of old orchards for replanting were underway. Figs were being harvested at the beginning of the month. Pomegranate harvest continued throughout the month of November. Hachiya, Fuyu, and Giant Fuyu variety persimmons were being harvested. Kiwi harvest progressed and was complete in some areas by month's end. By mid-month, olive harvest was complete. Harvest for apples started in Tulare County in mid-November.

Asian pear harvest continued. Grape vineyards were cultivated, irrigated, fertilized, and pruned. Christmas Rose, Rose Ito, Autumn Royal, Crimson, Emperor, Thompson, and Red Globe table and juice grape varieties were harvested. Almond harvest continued at a slow rate until harvest was completed in late November. Walnut and pistachio harvests continued. Throughout the month walnut trees were being shaken for a second time. Nut growers were pruning, shredding, irrigating, and applying herbicides in orchards.

Valencia orange harvest was almost complete. New Navel orange harvest in Tulare County had begun with Fukumotos, TI's, Early Becks, and Fisher varieties being picked. New Navel orchards showed good color and growth. Toward the month's end, mid-season Navel varieties were being harvested. Tangerine harvest continued with Owari and Dobashi Beni varieties being picked. Some citrus growers were treating to control fungus throughout the month of November. Picking of lemons continued in some districts. At the end of the month, harvesting of Blood oranges started in Tulare County.

Crop	Bearing	Acreage	Yield P	er Acre	Estimated	Production	Production Percent	Next
Стор	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	Change	Crop Update
NUT CROPS	Acres		Pou	nds	1,000	Pounds	Ŭ	
Almonds (Shelled)	580,000	580,000	1,580	1,810	915,000 1,050,000		15	January 23, 2007
Pecans	2,800	2,500	1,390	1,280	3,900	3,200	-18	January 23, 2007
Pistachio (In-Shell)								-
Marketable In-Shell					215,000			
Shelling Stock					68,000			
Total	105,000		2,700		283,000			January 23, 2007
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Walnuts (In-Shell)	215,000	215,000	1.65	1.63	355.0	350.0	-1	January 23, 2007
FRUIT CROPS								
Apples	25,000	24,000	7.10	7.50	177.5	180.0	1	January 23, 2007
Apricots	14,500	13,800	5.21	2.83	75.5	39.0	-48	January 23, 2007
Cherries	27,000	28,000	1.95	1.61	52.7	45.0	-15	January 23, 2007
Grapes, Raisin	240,000	240,000	9.61	8.33	2,306.0	2,000.0	-13	January 23, 2007
Grapes, Table	83,000	83,000	10.45	9.04	867.0	750.0	-13	January 23, 2007
Grapes, Wine	477,000	477,000	7.98	6.29	3,805.0	3,000.0	-21	January 23, 2007
Grapes, All	800,000	800,000	8.72	7.19	6,978.0	5,750.0	-18	January 23, 2007
Olives	32,000	31,000	4.44	1.61	142.0	50.0	-65	January 23, 2007
Peaches, Clingstone	30,400	26,300	15.90	14.40	484.0	380.0	-21	January 23, 2007
Peaches, Freestone	36,000	36,000	10.70	10.60	385.0	380.0	-1	January 23, 2007
Pears, Bartlett	12,000	12,000	13.80	16.30	166.0	195.0	17	January 23, 2007
Pears, Other	4,000	4,000	9.00	10.00	36.0	40.0	11	January 23, 2007
Plums, Dried	67,000	67,000	1.34	2.54	90.0	170.0	89	January 23, 2007
BERRIES			Cı		1,000 Cwt.			
Strawberries	34,300	35,800	600	570	20,580	20,406	-1	January 8, 2007
CITRUS CROP 2/	2005-06	2006-07	2005-06	2006-07	2005-06	2006-07		
			Can		1,000 Cartons			
Grapefruit	11,500	11,500	1,043	991	12,000	11,400	-5	January 12, 2007
Lemons	44,000	45,000	955	876	42,000	39,400	-6	January 12, 2007
Oranges, Navel	135,000	136,000	674	485	91,000	66,000	-27	January 12, 2007
Oranges, Valencia	46,000	43,000	522	605	24,000	26,000	8	January 12, 2007
Tangerines 3/	14,000	16,000	514	475	7,200	7,600	6	January 12, 2007

FRUIT AND NUT STATISTICS AT A GLANCE 1/

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

<u>2</u>/ <u>3</u>/ Grapefruit - 33.5 lbs. per carton, Lemons - 38.0 lbs. per carton, Oranges - 37.5 lbs. per carton, Tangerines - 37.5 lbs. per carton.

Includes tangelos, tangerines, and tangors.

Commodity Rank, Acreage, Production, Value and Leading Producing Counties, 2005

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Commodity	U.S. Rank <u>1</u> /	Drad lba)		Harvest	Leading Counties 3/						
	Number		1,000 Acres	1,000 Tons	\$1,000	2004 2005 Number		. Season			
FRUIT AND NUT CROPS TOTAL VALUE \$10,478,549,000											
Almonds (Shelled) <u>4</u> /	1	99	580.0	915.0	2,337,140	4	4	Aug. 1-Oct. 31	Kern, Stanislaus, Fresno, Merced, Madera		
Apples	5	4	25.0	177.5	74,718	53	46	July 15-Oct. 30	San Joaquin, Kern, Santa Cruz, Fresno, Stanislaus		
Apricots	1	92	14.5	75.5	33,930	60	59	May 1-July 15	Stanislaus, Fresno, Kern, San Joaquin, Kings		
Avocados	1	84	62.0	151.0	276,330	18	21	Continuous	San Diego, Ventura, Riverside, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo		
Berries, Blueberries	7	4	1.8	4.6	40,583	N/A	56		San Joaquin		
Berries, Boysenberries	1	55	0.3	1.4	3,724	72	72	June 1-July 15			
Berries, Raspberries	1	50	3.0	41.2	164,175	28	30	June 1-Oct. 31	Santa Cruz, Ventura, Monterey		
Berries, F.M. Strawberries	1	87		791.2	977,985				Monterey, Ventura, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, Sacramento		
Berries, Proc. Strawberries	1	93		237.8	132,189				Ventura, Santa Barbara, San Diego, Monterey		
Berries, All Strawberries	1	89	34.3	1,029.0	1,110,174	7	8	Feb. 20-Nov. 15	Monterey, Ventura, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, Orange		
Cherries, Sweet	2	21	27.0	52.7	84,751	38	43	May 20-June 25	San Joaquin, Fresno, Tulare, Kern, Stanislaus		
Dates <u>4</u> /	1	82	5.3	16.0	20,960	61	65	Oct. 1-Dec. 15	Riverside, Imperial		
Figs <u>4</u> /	1	99	12.3	50.9	22,122	63	64	June 10-Sept. 15	Madera, Merced		
Grapefruit, All	3	23	12.0	204.4	98,732	47	40	Nov. 1-July 31	Riverside, Tulare, Kern, San Diego, Imperial		
Grapes, Raisin Type			240.0	2,306.0	567,140			May 15-Nov. 15	Fresno, Madera, Tulare, Kern, Kings		
Grapes, Table Type			83.0	867.0	383,910			May 25-Dec. 15	Kern, Tulare, Fresno, Riverside, Madera		
Grapes, Wine Type			477.0	3,805.0	2,214,665			Aug. 5-Dec. 15	Napa, Sonoma, San Joaquin, Monterey, Fresno		
Grapes, All	1	89	800.0	6,978.0	3,165,715	2	2		Fresno, Napa, Kern, Sonoma, Tulare		
Kiwifruit <u>4</u> /	1	97	4.5	37.2	23,326	64	63	Oct. 1-May 31	Tulare, Butte, Yuba, Fresno, Kern		
Lemons	1	89	44.0	779.0	277,991	25	20	Aug. 1-July 31	Ventura, Riverside, Tulare, Kern, Santa Barbara		
Nectarines	1	95	36.5	239.0	120,456	40	34	June 10-Sept. 5	Fresno, Tulare, Kings, Kern, Madera		
Olives <u>4</u> /	1	100	32.0	142.0	79,511	51	45	Sept. 25-Mar. 15	Tulare, Tehama, Glenn, Madera, Fresno		
Oranges, Navel and Misc.		35	133.0	1,650.0	431,904			Nov. 1-Aug.31	Tulare, Kern, Fresno, Riverside, San Bernardino		
Oranges, Valencia		20	49.0	768.8	171,690			Nov. 1-June 15	Tulare, Kern, Ventura, Fresno, Riverside		
Oranges, All	2	29	182.0	2,418.8	603,594	14	13		Tulare, Kern, Fresno, Ventura, Riverside		
Peaches, Clingstone	1	100	30.4	484.0	122,939			July 15-Sept. 15	Stanislaus, Sutter, Yuba, Merced, Butte		
Peaches, Freestone	1	55	36.0	385.0	157,048			May 10-Sept. 15	Fresno, Tulare, Kings, Stanislaus, Merced		
Peaches, All	1	73	66.4	869.0	279,987	23	19		Fresno, Tulare, Stanislaus, Kings, Sutter		
Pears, All	2	24	16.0	202.0	79,790	42	44	Aug. 5-Oct. 5	Fresno, Sacramento, Lake, Mendocino, Tulare		
Pecans	8	1	2.6	2.0	7,020	70	71	Sept. 1-Nov. 30	Tulare		
Pistachios <u>4</u> /	1	96	105.0	283.0	577,320	15	14	Sept. 15-Dec. 10	Kern, Fresno, Tulare, Kings, Madera		
Plums	1	95	36.0	171.0	92,463	44	41	May 25-Aug. 20	Fresno, Tulare, Kern, Kings, Madera		
Plums, Dried <u>4</u> /	1	99	67.0	90.0	130,500	46	33	Aug. 15-Oct. 10	Sutter, Tehama, Glenn, Fresno, Tulare		
Tangerines, Mandarins, Tangelos, and Tangors	2	37	13.0	108.0	53,432	59	51	Nov. 1-May 15	Kern, Tulare, Riverside, San Diego, Ventura		
Walnuts <u>4</u> /	1	99	215.0	355.0	539,600	16	15	Sept. 5-Nov. 10	San Joaquin, Tulare, Stanislaus, Butte, Sutter		
Other Fruits and Nuts					180,505						

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

Based on values published in the county agricultural commissioners' annual crop reports. Share of U.S. production based on 2002 Census of Agriculture.

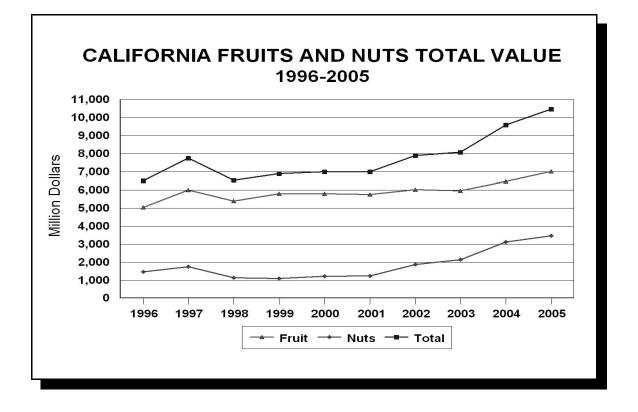
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FLORIDA CITRUS

Dry weather during November continued to plague much of the State's citrus producing area. The eastern, lower central, and southern regions recorded three weeks or more with one-tenth of an inch of rainfall or less. Totals for the month in those areas were all less than one inch. Consolidated showers helped some of the northern and upper central counties mid-month with one to two inches of rainfall. Irrigation is still being run statewide. Temperatures reached the mid to high 80s on many days and cooled down to the upper 40s and 50s at night. Fruit sizes on tangerines received at packing houses have been smaller than normal this year, but fruit quality is being reported as good. Grapefruit quality continues to be excellent

with the majority of colored grapefruit being picked for the fresh market, while white grapefruit is being equally distributed to fresh and processing uses. In addition to grapefruit, Navel oranges, Sunburst tangerines, and some tangelos are being picked for fresh market use. Early and mid-season orange harvests picked up significantly after Thanksgiving, primarily for processing. Grove maintenance activities are winding down, but still include mowing, irrigation, irrigation repair, and some applications of fertilizer. With the exception of one, all processing plants slated for operation this season have opened. The final plant should open in January.



CALIFORNIA FRUITS AND NUTS TOTAL VALUE, 1996-2005 a/

Commodity	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	
Commodity	Million Dollars										
Fruits	5,050	6,006	5,395	5,788	5,791	5,754	6,025	5,963	6,479	7,017	
Nuts	1,470	1,753	1,138	1,104	1,213	1,247	1,869	2,129	3,113	3,461	
Total	6,520	7,759	6,533	6,892	7,004	7,002	7,893	8,092	9,592	10,479	

a/ Totals may not add due to rounding.