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AUSTIN . . . The April 1, 2005, Texas grapefruit production is forecast at 6.50 million boxes for the 2004-2005 season, up 14 percent from last year's 5.70 million boxes. This forecast is up 5 percent from January.

All orange production is estimated at 1.98 million boxes, up 20 percent from last year. The orange forecast is up 13 percent from January. Early and midseason oranges account for 1.75 million boxes and Valencias for 230,000 boxes. The production of all oranges totaled 1.65 million boxes last season.

Grapefruit growers continue to show an excellent crop as harvest draws closer to completion. Producers continued to pick Valencias while Navel orange harvest has finished.

United States grapefruit production is forecast at 25.1 million boxes, down 52 percent from last year. All orange production is forecast at 214.6 million boxes, down 28 percent from last year.