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On: TEXAS CITRUS ESTIMATES
DOWN 17 PERCENT FROM LAST SEASON

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AUSTIN . . . The October 1, 2005, Texas grapefruit production is forecast at 5.40 million boxes for the 2005-2006 season, down 18 percent from last year's 6.60 million boxes.

All orange production is estimated at 1.53 million boxes, down 14 percent from last year. Early and midseason oranges account for 1.30 million boxes and Valencias for 230,000 boxes. The production of all oranges totaled 1,770 million boxes last season.

Orange harvest should be underway with fruit size and quality better than average.

United States grapefruit production is forecast at 35.32 million boxes, up 39 percent from last year. All orange production is forecast at 247 million boxes, up 16 percent from last year. This increase is mainly due to Florida's crop availability as more trees are in production after last year's hurricane damages.