1992-93 CALIFORNIA VALENCIA ORANGE OBJECTIVE MEASUREMENT SURVEY RESULTS

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1992-93 CALIFORNIA VALENCIA ORANGE FORECAST

The 1992-93 Valencia orange forecast for all California is 52.0 million (37.5 pound) cartons based on the November Objective Measurement (OM) Survey.

SURVEY HISTORY

A Valencia Orange Objective Measurement (OM) Survey, funded by the Valencia Orange Administrative Committee (VOAC), has been conducted in southern California since the 1984-85 crop year. The survey has been conducted in the central valley since the 1985-86 crop year. Both areas were surveyed in November. The data were used for research purposes until the 1986-87 season. This current

forecast was made using OM data and the subjective probability citrus survey of grower production and yield. OM data from the 1990-91 crop year were not used due to the freeze.

SURVEY SAMPLE

A sample of approximately 204 blocks was completed in the central valley and 180 blocks in southern California. The sample was randomly selected proportional to county and variety bearing acreage. Once a grove was randomly chosen and permission granted, two trees were randomly selected. Trunk and branch measurements along with fruit counts were then made on each tree. Size data are collected by the VOAC with their regular monthly Tagged Fruit and Growth Survey.

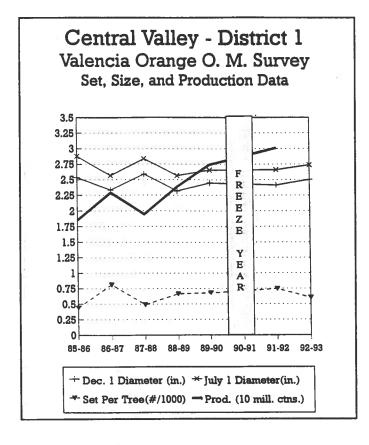
TABLE 1: CALIFORNIA VALENCIA ORANGES: CENTRAL VALLEY (DISTRICT 1) AND SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (DISTRICT 2)

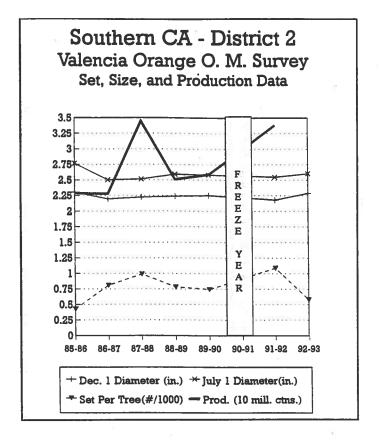
Crop Year	Final Utilized Production (37.5 Lb. Cartons <u>a</u> /)	Bearing Acres <u>a</u> /	Average Trees Per Acre <u>b</u> /	Average Set Per Tree <u>b</u> /	Average Dec. 1 Diameter (Inches) <u>c</u> /	Average July 1 Diameter (Inches <u>c</u> /
DISTRICT 1					0.505	0.070
1985-86	18,564,000	32,342	128	442	2.535	2.878
1986-87	22,918,000	33,280	128	814	2.335	2.567
1987-88	19,444,000	35,077	127	491	2.587	2.836
1988-89	23,866,000	36,515	127	666	2.319	2.565
1989-90	27,428,000	37,700	127	680	2.447	2.654
1990-91 d/	446,000	37,700	123	590	2.326	<u>d</u> /
1991-92	30,086,000	36,176	123	746	2.414	2.660
1992-93	<u>e</u> /	36,820	123	603	2.503	2.736 <u>f</u> .
DISTRICT 2	_	•				
1984-85	31,712,000	36,006	128	992	2.223	2.533
1985-86	22,864,000	35,525	128	429	2.304	2.767
1986-87	22,818,000	34,448	128	810	2.198	2.504
1987-88	34,476,000	33,979	127	990	2.224	2.514
1988-89	25,102,000	33,326	127	783	2.239	2.593
1989-90	25,890,000	32,906	127	746	2.250	2.582
1990-91 d/	18,294,000	32,800	123	471	2.349	<u>d</u> /
1991-92	33,800,000	32,800	123	1,089	2.180	2.548
1992-93	e/	32,800	123	582	2.288	2.604 <u>f</u>

a/ SOURCE: Valencia Orange Administrative Committee. Acreage data for the 1992-93 season preliminary. b/ SOURCE: California Agricultural Statistics Service. c/ SOURCE: Valencia Orange Administrative Committee's Tagged Fruit Growth Survey. d/ Data for 1990-91 season were not used in forecasting models due to freeze. e/ Production forecast not available by district. f/ Valencia Orange Administrative Committee five year growth average.

TABLE 2: CALIFORNIA VALENCIA ORANGES: AVERAGE ORANGE SET PER TREE, BY COUNTY

Year	San Diego	San Bernardino	Riverside	Orange	Ventura	So. California
1986-87	873	893	1,083	836	607	810
1987-88	907	702	732	1,113	1,166	990
1988-89	813	660	1,044	993	597	783
1989-90	646	547	630	996	814	746
1991-92	903	1,251	768	1,047	1,285	1,089
1992-93	494	562	680	676	580	582
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1986-87	870	820	747	584	814	812
1987-88	362	550	368	167	491	762
1988-89	813	672	466	276	666	726
1989-90	726	659	853	391	680	715
1991-92	910	714	708	557	746	918
1992-93	806	578	459	191	603	593





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