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# AVOCADOS

**FLORIDA:** The forecast of avocados for certified shipments is maintained at 800,000 bushels. This is 7.5 percent more than last season's shipments of 744,000 bushels. Unusually high levels of theft of fruit from groves reduced last season's shipments.

Bearing acreage is estimated at 5,800 acres, the same as last season. New trees planted since 1992 should start bearing limited amounts of fruit.

A tree census survey by FASS will be conducted in mid-October in Dade County to update tree and acreage changes from the last two years.

**CALIFORNIA:** Shipments through September 1 total 5,874,000 bushel equivalents, ahead of last season to the same period. Two months remain in the 1995-96 shipping season.

**FLORIDA:** Estimated certified shipments of avocados, 1996-97 season, with comparisons - Season: April 1 - March 31

Season	Shipments through August	Remaining to be shipped	Total shipments
Bushels			
Certified:			
1986-87	174,100	782,900	957,000
1987-88	242,000	888,000	1,130,000
1988-89	331,400	726,600	1,058,000
1989-90	385,000	915,000	1,300,000
1990-91	285,900	466,100	752,000
1991-92	403,800	707,200	1,111,000
1992-93	274,700	9,300	284,000
1993-94	27,000	148,000	175,000
1994-95	233,500	545,500	779,000
1995-96	243,900	500,100	744,000
Estimated			
1996-97	286,700	513,300	800,000

**CALIFORNIA:** Estimated avocado shipments, 1995-96 season, with comparisons - Season: November 1 - October 31

Variety	1994-95 season	1995-96 season		
	Total shipments	Shipments through September 1	Remaining to be shipped	Estimated total shipments
Bushels <sup>1/</sup>				
Fuerte	168,000	157,000	---	---
Hass	5,062,000	5,008,000	---	---
Other	854,000	709,000	---	---
Total	6,084,000	5,874,000	586,000	6,460,000

<sup>1/</sup> Pounds converted to bushels at 50 pound equivalents.