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AVOCADOS

FLORIDA AGRICULTURE



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FLORIDA: The forecast of avocados for certified shipments for the 2001-2002 season is 950,000 bushels. This is five percent less than the 1,005,000 bushels shipped last season. Ten years ago, in the season before Hurricane Andrew, over 1,100,000 bushels were shipped.

Estimated shipments through July total almost 200,000 bushels, slightly more than the latest five season average to date. Maturity levels were low at the start of the season but increased rapidly in late July.

Bearing acres (trees planted in 1997 and earlier) are estimated at 5,900. Some trees have been lost to flooding conditions in the last year. Production from some groves has also been severely reduced because of high water tables.

CALIFORNIA: Shipments through July total 6,736,000 bushel equivalents, almost 25 percent more than the previous season. A very large total crop of over 8 million bushel equivalents is expected for the season that ends October 31.

FLORIDA: Certified shipments of avocados, 2001-2002 season,
with comparisons - Season: April 1 - March 31

Season	Shipments through July	Remaining to be shipped	Total shipments
Bushels			
Certified:			
1991-92	199,400	911,600	1,111,000
1992-93	133,100	150,900	284,000
1993-94	3,100	171,900	175,000
1994-95	92,800	686,200	779,000
1995-96	92,200	651,800	744,000
1996-97	123,400	794,600	918,000
1997-98	230,800	707,200	938,000
1998-99	163,800	727,200	891,000
1999-00	159,600	683,400	843,000
2000-01	218,100	786,900	1,005,000
Estimated:			
2001-02	199,300	750,700	950,000

CALIFORNIA: Estimated avocado shipments, 2000-01 season, with
comparisons - Season: November 1 - October 31

Variety	1999-00 season	2000-01 season		
	Total shipments	Shipments through July	Remaining to be shipped	Estimated total shipments
Bushels 1/				
Fuerte	112,000	96,000	34,000	130,000
Hass	5,773,000	6,128,000	1,386,000	7,514,000
Other	537,000	512,000	152,000	664,000
Total	6,422,000	6,736,000	1,572,000	8,308,000

1/ Pounds converted to bushels at 50 pound equivalents.