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# CITRUS JANUARY FORECAST MATURITY TEST RESULTS AND FRUIT SIZE

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## All Oranges Unchanged at 135.0 Million Boxes

| Forecast Dates - 2009-2010 Season | |
|---|---|
| February 9, 2010 | May 11, 2010 |
| March 10, 2010 | June 11, 2010 |
| April 9, 2010 | July 9, 2010 |

The Florida all orange forecast released today by the USDA Agricultural Statistics Board is 135.0 million boxes, comprised of 66.0 million boxes of Valencia oranges and 69.0 million boxes of the non-Valencia varieties (early, midseason, Navel, and Temple). If realized, this forecast would be 17 percent less than last season's production of 162.4 million boxes. In the past 8 non-hurricane seasons, the January forecast has differed from actual production by an average of 2 percent with 4 seasons above and 4 seasons below. This report reflects conditions as of January 1 and is based on data collected in December. Any effects of the cold weather in Florida in January will be reflected in the February report.

## Non-Valencia Oranges Unchanged at 69.0 Million Boxes

The forecast of non-Valencia oranges remains at 69.0 million boxes. Survey data indicated that neither of the forecast components (size of fruit and droppage rate) changed significantly. While fruit size has been below average so far this season, the growth rate accelerated slightly in December and the projected size at harvest is now slightly above average. The droppage rate also increased in December but remains slightly below average. Navels, which are included in this forecast, are unchanged at 2.3 million boxes. The Citrus Administrative Committee estimates certifications of Navels through January 3 to total 1.7 million boxes.

## Valencia Oranges Unchanged at 66.0 Million Boxes

The forecast of Valencia oranges remains at 66.0 million boxes. Although the growth rate increased slightly in December, the projected size is still below the average of previous seasons. The droppage rate also increased and is now projected to be slightly above average at harvest.

## FCOJ Yield 1.60 Gallons per Box

The projection for frozen concentrated orange juice (FCOJ) is reduced to 1.60 gallons per box of 42° Brix concentrate for all oranges. Initial component projections are 1.53 gallons per box for the non-Valencia category and 1.70 gallons per box for the Valencias.

## Orange Production by Type and State — United States: 2006-2007, 2007-2008, 2008-2009, and Forecasted December 1, 2009 and January 1, 2010

| Crop and State | Production | | | 2009-2010 Forecast | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006-2007 | 2007-2008 | 2008-2009 | December | January |
| | (1,000 boxes) | (1,000 boxes) | (1,000 boxes) | (1,000 boxes) | (1,000 boxes) |
| **NON-VALENCIA ORANGES** [1] | | | | | |
| **Florida** | **65,600** | **83,500** | **84,600** | **69,000** | **69,000** |
| California | 34,500 | 45,000 | 34,500 | 40,000 | 40,000 |
| Texas | 1,600 | 1,600 | 1,300 | 1,250 | 1,310 |
| Arizona [2] | 200 | 230 | 150 | | |
| United States | 101,900 | 130,330 | 120,550 | 110,250 | 110,310 |
| **VALENCIA ORANGES** | | | | | |
| **Florida** | **63,400** | **86,700** | **77,800** | **66,000** | **66,000** |
| California | 11,500 | 17,000 | 14,000 | 15,000 | 15,000 |
| Texas | 380 | 196 | 159 | 200 | 277 |
| Arizona [2] | 100 | 150 | 100 | | |
| United States | 75,380 | 104,046 | 92,059 | 81,200 | 81,277 |
| **ALL ORANGES** | | | | | |
| **Florida** | **129,000** | **170,200** | **162,400** | **135,000** | **135,000** |
| California | 46,000 | 62,000 | 48,500 | 55,000 | 55,000 |
| Texas | 1,980 | 1,796 | 1,549 | 1,450 | 1,587 |
| Arizona [2] | 300 | 380 | 250 | | |
| United States | 177,280 | 234,376 | 212,609 | 191,450 | 191,587 |

[1] Early, midseason, Navel, and Temple varieties.
[2] Estimates discontinued beginning with the 2009-2010 crop year.

### Grapefruit Lowered to 19.5 Million Boxes

The grapefruit forecast is reduced by 300,000 boxes from December's forecast of 19.8 million boxes and consists of 5.5 million boxes of white and 14.0 million boxes of colored grapefruit. The 300,000 box decrease of the white variety is the result of fruit sizes running below average coupled with an increase in the droppage rate. If realized, this forecast will be 10 percent less than last season's utilization of 21.7 million boxes.

### All Tangerines Lowered to 4.7 Million Boxes

The tangerine forecast is reduced by 100,000 boxes from December's forecast to 4.7 million boxes. The change occurred in the early category (Fallglo and Sunburst) based on reduced utilization compared to last season. The total consists of the early varieties at 2.4 million boxes and the later maturing Honey tangerines at 2.3 million boxes. The early variety harvest is nearly complete while picking of the late variety has just begun.

### Tangelos Lowered to 900,000 Boxes

The tangelo forecast is reduced by 100,000 boxes from December's forecast of 1.0 million boxes. If realized, this forecast would be the lowest crop since the harvest season following the devastating freeze on December 12-13, 1962. The Row Count survey, conducted December 28-29, 2009, shows the number of rows harvested to be well above normal and, when compared to the estimated certified utilization, supports the revised forecast.

## Forecast Components, by Variety — Florida: January 2010

[Survey data is considered final in December for Navels, January for early-midseason oranges, February for grapefruit, and April for Valencias]

| Orange Type | Bearing trees | Fruit per tree | Droppage | Fruit per box | Grapefruit Type | Bearing trees | Fruit per tree | Droppage | Fruit per box |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | (1,000) | (number) | (percent) | (number) | | (1,000) | (number) | (percent) | (number) |
| Early-midseason | 24,575 | 862 | 8 | 246 | White [1] | 1,462 | 430 | 11 | 94 |
| Navel | 1,151 | 365 | 10 | 138 | Colored | 3,794 | 410 | 11 | 101 |
| Valencia | 33,685 | 478 | 15 | 210 | | | | | |

[1] Seedless variety only.

## Citrus Production by Type and State — United States: 2006-2007, 2007-2008, 2008-2009, and Forecasted December 1, 2009 and January 1, 2010

| Crop and State | Production | | | 2009-2010 Forecast | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2006-2007 | 2007-2008 | 2008-2009 | December | January |
| | (1,000 boxes) | (1,000 boxes) | (1,000 boxes) | (1,000 boxes) | (1,000 boxes) |
| **GRAPEFRUIT** | | | | | |
| **Florida-All** | **27,200** | **26,600** | **21,700** | **19,800** | **19,500** |
| **White** | **9,300** | **9,000** | **6,600** | **5,800** | **5,500** |
| **Colored** | **17,900** | **17,600** | **15,100** | **14,000** | **14,000** |
| California | 5,500 | 5,200 | 5,600 | 4,700 | 4,200 |
| Texas | 7,100 | 6,000 | 5,500 | 5,300 | 5,490 |
| Arizona [1] | 100 | 100 | 25 | | |
| United States | 39,900 | 37,900 | 32,825 | 29,800 | 29,190 |
| **LEMONS** | | | | | |
| California | 18,500 | 14,800 | 22,000 | 20,000 | 20,000 |
| Arizona | 2,500 | 1,500 | 3,000 | 2,500 | 2,500 |
| United States | 21,000 | 16,300 | 25,000 | 22,500 | 22,500 |
| **TANGELOS** | | | | | |
| **Florida** | **1,250** | **1,500** | **1,150** | **1,000** | **900** |
| **TANGERINES** | | | | | |
| **Florida-All** | **4,600** | **5,500** | **3,850** | **4,800** | **4,700** |
| **Early** [2] | **2,400** | **2,600** | **2,550** | **2,500** | **2,400** |
| **Honey** | **2,200** | **2,900** | **1,300** | **2,300** | **2,300** |
| California [3] | 3,500 | 6,700 | 6,700 | 7,000 | 8,200 |
| Arizona [3] | 300 | 400 | 250 | 350 | 350 |
| United States | 8,400 | 12,600 | 10,800 | 12,150 | 13,250 |

[1] Estimates discontinued beginning with the 2009-2010 crop year.
[2] Fallglo and Sunburst varieties.
[3] Includes tangelos and tangors.

## Citrus Unadjusted Maturity Tests — Florida: 2008-2009 and 2009-2010

[Averages of regular bloom fruit from sample groves. Juice and solids per box are unadjusted and not comparable to juice processing plant test results. All samples were run through an FMC 091 machine using mechanical pressure only. This machine utilizes a .040 short strainer and standard 5/8 inch orifice tube. The beam settings are also identical to past tests and no restrictors are used]

| Fruit type (number of groves) test date | Acid | | Solids (Brix) | | Ratio | | Unfinished juice per box | | Solids per box | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2008-2009 | 2009-2010 | 2008-2009 | 2009-2010 | 2008-2009 | 2009-2010 | 2008-2009 | 2009-2010 | 2008-2009 | 2009-2010 |
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (number) | (number) | (pounds) | (pounds) | (pounds) | (pounds) |
| **ORANGES** | | | | | | | | | | |
| Early (78-81) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sep 1 | 1.46 | 1.56 | 9.23 | 9.28 | 6.43 | 6.06 | 46.58 | 42.18 | 4.30 | 3.91 |
| Oct 1 | 1.09 | 1.16 | 9.61 | 9.32 | 8.97 | 8.18 | 48.58 | 46.44 | 4.66 | 4.33 |
| Nov 1 | 0.84 | 0.87 | 10.18 | 10.36 | 12.37 | 12.14 | 53.31 | 49.42 | 5.42 | 5.11 |
| Dec 1 | 0.80 | 0.74 | 11.09 | 11.13 | 14.02 | 15.41 | 52.25 | 50.77 | 5.79 | 5.65 |
| Jan 1 | 0.78 | 0.73 | 11.82 | 11.78 | 15.47 | 16.40 | 51.83 | 50.35 | 6.13 | 5.93 |
| Mid (41-42) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sep 1 | 1.67 | 1.74 | 8.99 | 9.24 | 5.45 | 5.39 | 44.30 | 42.20 | 3.98 | 3.90 |
| Oct 1 | 1.31 | 1.33 | 9.38 | 9.25 | 7.37 | 7.10 | 50.01 | 47.51 | 4.69 | 4.40 |
| Nov 1 | 0.90 | 1.00 | 10.17 | 10.28 | 11.49 | 10.51 | 54.27 | 51.37 | 5.52 | 5.28 |
| Dec 1 | 0.88 | 0.85 | 11.14 | 11.10 | 12.82 | 13.31 | 53.29 | 51.56 | 5.93 | 5.72 |
| Jan 1 | 0.87 | 0.78 | 11.81 | 11.88 | 13.82 | 15.38 | 52.02 | 51.58 | 6.15 | 6.13 |
| Late (150-150) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sep 1 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Oct 1 | 2.48 | 2.41 | 8.86 | 8.86 | 3.62 | 3.73 | 47.40 | 43.46 | 4.20 | 3.85 |
| Nov 1 | 1.86 | 1.86 | 9.30 | 9.32 | 5.07 | 5.07 | 51.82 | 48.08 | 4.82 | 4.48 |
| Dec 1 | 1.61 | 1.52 | 10.19 | 10.22 | 6.40 | 6.83 | 54.06 | 50.91 | 5.51 | 5.20 |
| Jan 1 | 1.39 | 1.30 | 11.14 | 10.89 | 8.12 | 8.50 | 55.76 | 53.03 | 6.21 | 5.77 |

(NA) Not available.

## Maturity — Florida: January 1, 2010

Early, mid-season and late regular bloom fruit samples were collected on established routes throughout the citrus producing region on December 28-29, 2009, and tested at the laboratory of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), Florida Field office. Acid levels for all varieties of oranges were lower and ratios were higher when compared to January 2009. Brix was lower for both the early and late oranges. Unfinished juice per box and solids per box are also lower when compared to last season.

## Citrus Fruit Maturity Test Averages, by Areas — Florida: January 1, 2010

| Fruit type | Groves sampled | Acid | Solids (Brix) | Ratio | Unfinished juice per box | Solids per box |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | (number) | (percent) | (percent) | (number) | (pounds) | (pounds) |
| **ORANGES** | | | | | | |
| Early | | | | | | |
| Indian River | 8 | 0.76 | 12.07 | 16.07 | 51.51 | 6.20 |
| Other Areas | 73 | 0.72 | 11.75 | 16.44 | 50.23 | 5.90 |
| Midseason | | | | | | |
| Indian River | 10 | 0.84 | 11.95 | 14.39 | 52.97 | 6.34 |
| Other Areas | 32 | 0.77 | 11.85 | 15.69 | 51.15 | 6.06 |
| Late | | | | | | |
| Indian River | 27 | 1.32 | 11.10 | 8.45 | 53.69 | 5.96 |
| Other Areas | 123 | 1.29 | 10.84 | 8.51 | 52.88 | 5.73 |

## Fruit Size Comparisons by Types to Previous Seasons

Size frequency distributions from the December size survey are shown in the following table. The distributions are by percent of fruit falling within the size range of each 4/5-bushel container. These frequency distributions include fruit from regular bloom and exclude fruit from summer bloom.

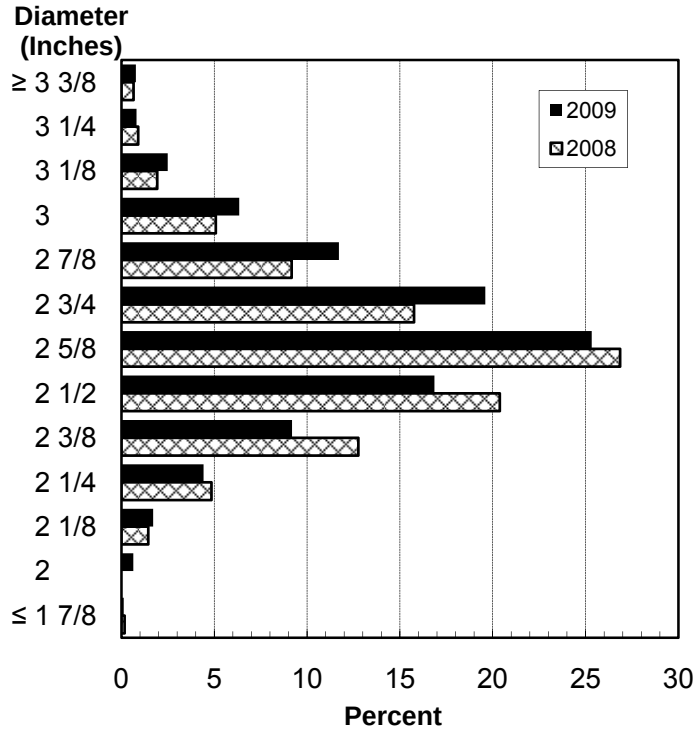
### Citrus Size Frequency Measurement Distributions, by Type — Florida: December

| Type and number of fruit per 4/5-bushel containers | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | Type and number of fruit per 4/5-bushel containers | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| **EARLY AND MIDSEASON** | | | | **WHITE SEEDLESS** | | | |
| 64 or less | 1.7 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 32 or less | 5.1 | 18.3 | 12.0 |
| 80 | 10.0 | 10.5 | 13.3 | 36 | 14.5 | 25.7 | 21.6 |
| 100 | 28.1 | 31.7 | 37.3 | 40 | 20.1 | 20.4 | 19.1 |
| 125 | 34.4 | 36.1 | 30.9 | 48 | 24.0 | 17.8 | 19.6 |
| 163 or more | 25.8 | 19.3 | 16.1 | 56 | 14.5 | 8.1 | 10.8 |
| **VALENCIA ORANGES** | | | | 63 or more | 21.8 | 9.7 | 16.9 |
| 64 or less | 2.6 | 2.6 | 3.3 | **COLORED SEEDLESS** | | | |
| 80 | 15.1 | 19.0 | 18.9 | 32 or less | 4.1 | 13.6 | 4.7 |
| 100 | 35.2 | 43.9 | 40.2 | 36 | 10.1 | 19.1 | 10.1 |
| 125 | 30.0 | 26.7 | 25.0 | 40 | 17.4 | 17.5 | 16.0 |
| 163 or more | 17.1 | 7.8 | 12.6 | 48 | 20.6 | 20.1 | 22.2 |
| **HONEY TANGERINES** | | | | 56 | 15.9 | 12.6 | 15.1 |
| 80 or less | 13.0 | 21.6 | 20.5 | 63 or more | 31.9 | 17.1 | 31.9 |
| 100 | 29.6 | 36.1 | 31.1 | | | | |
| 120 | 28.4 | 23.8 | 24.5 | | | | |
| 176 | 14.8 | 7.4 | 9.8 | | | | |
| 210 or more | 14.2 | 11.1 | 14.4 | | | | |

The charts below show the distribution of fruit sizes in 2009 compared to 2008. The diameter measurements shown are the minimum values of each eighth-inch range, except for the smallest values.

**Fruit Size Frequency Measurements, Early and Midseason Oranges, by Diameter — Florida: December**

[Excludes Navels and Temples]




**Fruit Size Frequency Measurements, White Seedless Grapefruit, by Diameter — Florida: December**