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All Orange Production Down 3 percent from February

The U.S. all orange March forecast for the 2004-05 season is 9.38 million tons, down 3 percent from the February 1 forecast and 27 percent below last season's final utilization. Florida's all orange forecast, at 153 million boxes (6.89 million tons), is down 6 percent from last month and 37 percent below the 2003-04 season. Early and midseason varieties in Florida are forecast at 81.0 million boxes (3.65 million tons), down 4 percent from last month and 36 percent below the previous season. The harvest of the early and midseason varieties is nearly complete. The drop rate, at 18 percent, is above the past ten seasons for the early-midseason fruit. Florida's Valencia forecast is 72.0 million boxes (3.24 million tons), down 8 percent from the February forecast and 38 percent below last season's final utilization. Florida's average Valencia drop rate is increased from last month to 24 percent. Although not a record for a non-freeze year, it is the highest drop rate since the 1990-91 season. Valencia fruit size is less than projected last month and is smaller than nine of the last ten seasons.

Florida frozen concentrated orange juice (FCOJ) yield for the 2004-05 season, at 1.58 gallons per box at 42.0 degrees Brix, is unchanged from last month. The early-midseason portion is increased from 1.52 to 1.53 gallons per box. The Valencia portion remains at 1.66 gallons per box. All projections of yield assume that the processing relationship this year will be similar to those of the past several years.

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Crop and State	Utilized Production		
	2002/03	2003/04	Forecasted 2004/05
	1,000 Boxes 2/		
Oranges, Early Mid and Navel 3/			
AZ 4/	200	300	240
CA 4/	42,000	38,000	44,000
FL	112,000	126,000	81,000
TX 4/	1,350	1,420	1,500
US	155,550	165,720	126,740
Oranges, Valencia			
AZ 4/	270	170	190
CA 4/	20,000	14,000	20,000
FL	91,000	116,000	72,000
TX 4/	220	230	250
US	111,490	103,400	92,440
All Oranges			
AZ 4/	470	470	430
CA 4/	62,000	52,000	64,000
FL	203,000	242,000	153,000
TX 4/	1,570	1,650	1,750
US	267,040	296,120	219,180
Temples			
FL	1,300	1,400	700
All Grapefruit			
AZ 4/	130	140	180
CA 4/	5,600	5,400	5,300
FL	38,700	40,900	13,000
TX 4/	5,650	5,700	6,200
US	50,080	52,140	24,680
Tangerines			
AZ 4/ 5/	430	690	450
CA 4/ 5/	2,800	2,700	2,900
FL	5,500	6,500	4,500
US	8,730	9,890	7,850
Lemons 4/			
AZ	3,000	3,000	2,400
CA	24,000	18,000	19,500
US	27,000	21,000	21,900
Tangelos			
FL	2,350	1,000	1,500

1/ The crop year begins with the bloom of the first year shown and ends with the completion of harvest the following year.

2/ Net pounds. per box: oranges-AZ & CA-75, FL-90, TX-85; grapefruit-AZ & CA-67, FL-85, TX-80; lemons-76; tangelos & Temples-90; tangerines-AZ & CA-75, FL-95.

3/ Navel and miscellaneous varieties in AZ and CA. Early (including Navel) and midseason varieties in FL and TX. Small quantities of tangerines in TX.

4/ Estimates for current year carried forward from previous forecast.

5/ Includes tangelos and tangors.

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February Farm Prices Received Index Up 2 Points From Last Month

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in February, at 113, based on 1990-92=100, is 2 points (1.8 percent) above the January Index. The Crop Index is up 5 points (5.0 percent) while the Livestock Index is down 1 point (0.8 percent). Producers received higher prices for tomatoes, oranges, broccoli, and celery. Lower prices were received for corn, dairy, hogs, and soybeans. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell, based on the past 3-year average, also affects the overall index.

Increased average marketings of dairy, cattle, broilers, and strawberries offset decreased marketings of corn, soybeans, tobacco, and wheat.

This preliminary All Farm Products Index is down 3 points (2.6 percent) from February 2004. The Food Commodities Index, at 117, is 2 points (1.7 percent) above last month but unchanged from February 2004.

Prices Paid Index Unchanged

The February Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 134 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index is unchanged from January but 3 points (2.3 percent) above February 2004. Lower prices in February for

self-propelled machinery, feed grains, and LP gas were offset by higher prices for feed concentrates, complete feeds, feed supplements, and other machinery.

Prices Received By Farmers: Arizona and U.S., February 2004 and 2005 and January 2005

Commodity	Unit	Arizona			United States		
		February 2004 Entire Month	January 2005 Entire Month	February 2005 Mid-Month	February 2004 Entire Month	January 2005 Entire Month	February 2005 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton 1/	¢ Lb	62.4	48.1		61.9	39.6	38.1
Cottonseed 1/	\$ Ton		161.00	166.00	140.00	112.00	112.00
Durum Wheat 2/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	136.00	120.70	119.70
All Hay Baled 3/	\$ Ton	85.00	103.00	110.00	81.20	84.20	84.70
Alfalfa Hay Baled 3/	\$ Ton	85.00	103.00	110.00	85.10	90.90	91.90
Other Hay Baled 3/	\$ Ton	80.00	106.00	106.00	72.10	70.60	70.00
Grapefruit 4/	\$ Box	15.30	25.60	15.00	16.30	28.40	28.50
Oranges 4/	\$ Box	16.00	19.30	18.80	17.50	18.40	18.90
Lemons 4/	\$ Box	22.60	30.70	29.50	24.30	29.70	30.70
Tangerines 4/	\$ Box	21.80	27.30	29.10	23.00	30.60	29.00
Cows 5/	\$ Cwt	46.00	54.40	56.40	46.00	50.50	52.80
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	89.00	106.00	107.00	82.30	94.40	93.80
Beef Cattle 6/	\$ Cwt	88.60	105.00	106.00	78.50	89.40	89.60
Calves	\$ Cwt	112.00	125.00	129.00	111.00	125.00	128.00
All Milk 7/	\$ Cwt	13.00	15.70	15.20	13.60	15.90	15.40

1/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

2/ Not available for Arizona.

3/ Mid-month.

4/ F.O.B. packed fresh Arizona box weights: Grapefruit 67 lbs., Oranges 75 lbs., Lemons 76 lbs., Tangerines 75 lbs.

5/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

6/ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined.

7/ Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

United States Price Index Summary Table

Index 1990-92 = 100	2004 January	2004 February	2005 January	2005 February
Prices Received	112	116	111	113
Prices Paid	130	131	134	134
Ratio 1/	86	89	83	84

1/ Ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index of prices paid by farmers.