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All Orange Production Up 1 Percent From February

The U.S. all orange forecast for the 2008-09 season is 9.05 million tons, up 1 percent from the February 1 forecast but 11 percent lower than the 2007-08 final utilization of 10.2 million tons. Florida's all orange forecast, at 158 million boxes (7.11 million tons), is unchanged from the previous forecast but down 7 percent from last season's final utilization. Early, midseason, and navel varieties in Florida are forecast at 85.0 million boxes (3.83 million tons), up 2 percent from the February forecast and last season. Florida's Valencia forecast, at 73.0 million boxes (3.29 million tons), is down 3 percent from the previous forecast and is 16 percent less than the 2007-08 crop. Weather conditions over the past two months have had a significant impact on remaining oranges. Two freezes, one in late January and one in early February, caused some damage to unharvested fruit, primarily for late orange varieties. Also, citrus producing areas received minimal precipitation during the winter months, resulting in drought conditions. Objective survey measurements taken during February showed a decrease in fruit size and an increase in the drop rate for the Valencia crop.

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Citrus Fruits: Utilized Production by Crop, State, and United States, 2006-07, 2007-08 and Forecasted March 1, 2009 1/

Crop and State	Utilized Production		
	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
	1,000 Boxes 2/		
Oranges, Early, Mid, and Navel 3/			
AZ 4/	200	230	150
CA 4/	34,500	48,500	34,500
FL	65,600	83,500	85,000
TX 4/	1,600	1,500	1,450
US	101,900	133,730	121,100
Oranges, Valencia			
AZ 4/	100	150	100
CA	11,500	16,000	15,000
FL	63,400	86,700	73,000
TX 4/	380	234	200
US	75,380	103,084	88,300
All Oranges			
AZ 4/	300	380	250
CA	46,000	64,500	49,500
FL	129,000	170,200	158,000
TX 4/	1,980	1,734	1,650
US	177,280	236,814	209,400
All Grapefruit			
AZ 4/	100	100	150
CA 4/	5,500	5,700	4,500
FL	27,200	26,600	23,000
TX 4/	7,100	6,100	5,700
US	39,900	38,500	33,350
Tangerines			
AZ 4/ 5/	300	400	250
CA 4/ 5/	3,500	5,700	7,000
FL	4,600	5,500	4,000
US	8,400	11,600	11,250
Lemons 4/			
AZ	2,500	1,500	2,500
CA	18,500	17,000	19,000
US	21,000	18,500	21,500

- 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 lbs. per box: Oranges-AZ and CA-75, FL-90, TX-85; Grapefruit-AZ and CA-67, FL-85, TX-80; Lemons-76; Tangerines-AZ and 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 of current year carried forward from previous forecast.
- 5/ Includes tangelos & tangors.

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February Farm Prices Received Index Declined 12 Points From Last Month

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in February, at 127 percent, based on 1990-92=100, decreased 12 points (8.6 percent) from January. The Crop Index is down 12 points (7.5 percent) and the Livestock Index decreased 5 points (4.4 percent). Producers received lower prices for lettuce, milk, corn, and eggs and higher prices for snap beans, strawberries, hogs, and turkeys. In addition to prices, the overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly marketings of cattle,

milk, broilers, and strawberries offset decreased marketings of corn, soybeans, wheat, and cotton.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is down 19 points (13 percent) from February 2008. The Food Commodities Index, at 122, decreased 12 points (9.0 percent) from last month and 22 points (15 percent) from February 2008.

Prices Paid Index Down 2 Points

The February Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 173 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index is down 2 points (1.1 percent) from January but 2 points (1.2 percent) above February 2008. Lower

prices in February for nitrogen, potash & phosphate, mixed fertilizer, and feed grains more than offset higher prices for gasoline, other farm services, complete feeds, and feed supplements.

Prices Received by Farmers: Arizona and United States, January 2008 and 2009 and February 2009

Commodity	Unit	Arizona			United States		
		February 2008 Entire Month	January 2009 Entire Month	February 2009 Mid-Month	February 2008 Entire Month	January 2009 Entire Month	February 2009 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton	¢ Lb	60.20	1/	1/	63.00	46.10	43.60
Cottonseed 2/	\$ Ton	1/	277.00	1/	175.00	214.00	213.00
Durum Wheat 3/	\$ Ton	---	---	---	470.00	271.70	259.70
Alfalfa Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	165.00	188.00	180.00	138.00	149.00	143.00
Lemons 5/	\$ Box	---	31.00	25.00	62.90	30.10	26.70
Cows 6/	\$ Cwt	52.00	40.00	43.00	51.70	42.30	44.30
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	95.00	86.00	83.00	94.30	85.80	85.40
Beef Cattle 7/	\$ Cwt	75.20	58.40	59.00	89.00	80.10	80.20
Calves	\$ Cwt	114.00	100.00	100.00	120.00	106.00	105.00
All Milk 8/	\$ Cwt	18.30	12.80	10.70	19.10	13.30	11.50

- 1/ Prices not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations or insufficient sales.
 2/ Marketing year August – February.
 3/ Not available for Arizona.
 4/ Mid-month.
 5/ F.O.B. packed fresh Arizona box weights: Lemons 76 lbs., Oranges 75 lbs., Tangerines 75 lbs., Grapefruit 67 lbs.
 6/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.
 7/ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined.
 8/ Preliminary; before for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

United States Price Index Summary Table

Index 1990-92 = 100	2008		2009	
	January	February	January	February
Prices Received	144	146	139	127
Prices Paid	169	171	175	173
Ratio 1/	85	85	79	73

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