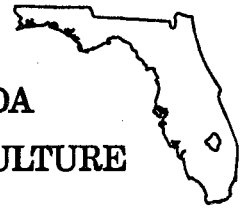




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AVOCADOS



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FLORIDA: The forecast of avocados for certified shipments is increased to 850,000 bushels from 800,000 bushels. With three months remaining in the season, shipments have been ahead of every season since 1991-92.

If realized this will be 14 percent more than last season's total shipments of 744,000 bushels.

Results of a tree census conducted in October indicate bearing acres at 5,700, slightly less than estimated earlier.

CALIFORNIA: Shipments of the 1996-97 season have begun with almost 200,000 bushel equivalents shipped in December. Projections call for the largest crop in several seasons.

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

Season	Shipments through November	Remaining to be shipped	Total shipments
Bushels			
Certified:			
1986-87	673,800	283,200	957,000
1987-88	768,800	361,200	1,130,000
1988-89	854,300	203,700	1,058,000
1989-90	1,031,600	268,400	1,300,000
1990-91	651,200	100,800	752,000
1991-92	896,300	214,700	1,111,000
1992-93	274,700	9,300	284,000
1993-94	123,000	52,000	175,000
1994-95	618,900	160,100	779,000
1995-96	633,400	110,600	744,000
Estimated:			
1996-97	738,600	111,400	850,000

CALIFORNIA: Estimated avocado shipments, 1996-97 season, with comparisons - Season: November 1 - October 31

Variety	1995-96	1996-97 season		
	Total shipments	Shipments through November	Remaining to be shipped	Estimated total shipments
Bushels 1/				
Fuerte	157,000	10,000	--	--
Hass	5,628,000	137,000	--	--
Other	750,000	49,000	--	--
Total	6,535,000	196,000	6,564,000	6,760,000

1/ Pounds converted to bushels at 50 pound equivalents.