



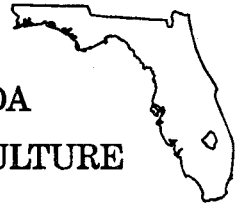
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AVOCADOS

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FLORIDA: The forecast of avocados for certified shipments is maintained at 950,000 bushels. This is four percent more than last season and 28 percent more than the 1995-96 season.

light set with only an indicated 26,800 bushels remaining to be shipped.

Through December, shipments total 923,200 bushels, the most in several seasons. Advanced maturity and good demand all season led to this fast harvest. Winter varieties are

CALIFORNIA: Shipments through December 27 total 591,000 bushel equivalents, near the same as last season to date. Early season projections are for near the same size crop as last season.

FLORIDA: Estimated certified shipments of avocados, 1997-98 season, with comparisons - Season: April 1 - March 31

Season	Shipments through December	Remaining to be shipped	Total shipments
Bushels			
Certified:			
1987-88	912,600	217,400	1,130,000
1988-89	968,700	89,300	1,058,000
1989-90	1,188,200	111,800	1,300,000
1990-91	721,600	30,400	752,000
1991-92	1,019,600	91,400	1,111,000
1992-93	274,700	9,300	284,000
1993-94	156,400	18,600	175,000
1994-95	711,500	67,500	779,000
1995-96	698,700	45,300	744,000
1996-97	830,300	87,700	918,000
Estimated:			
1997-98	923,200	26,800	950,000

CALIFORNIA: Estimated avocado shipments, 1997-98 season, with comparisons - Season: November 1 - October 31

Variety	1996-97	1997-98 season		
	Total shipments	Shipments through December 27	Remaining to be shipped	Estimated total shipments
Bushels 1/				
Fuerte	197,000	51,800	90,200	142,000
Hass	5,521,000	327,100	5,196,900	5,524,000
Other	731,000	212,100	521,900	734,000
Total	6,449,000	591,000	5,809,000	6,400,000

1/ Pounds converted to bushels at 50 pound equivalents.