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# AVOCADOS

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**FLORIDA:** The forecast of avocados for certified shipments for the 1997-98 season is 950,000 bushels. This is four percent more than the previous season shipments of 918,000 bushels. This will be the largest amount shipped since before the Hurricane Andrew season in 1992.

Shipments through July are 217,300 bushels, greatly ahead of last season. Maturity levels of the summer varieties are 2-3 weeks ahead of normal with large fruit size and excellent quality reported. Winter varieties fruit set is reported lighter than last season.

Statewide bearing acreage is estimated at 5,700 acres, the same as last season. Trees planted after the storm are beginning to bear limited amounts of fruit, but some older trees are being pushed.

**CALIFORNIA:** Shipments through August 2 are 5,402,000 bushel equivalents, slightly more than last season to the same date. Three months remain in the marketing season with a total crop size expected to be slightly larger than last season.

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

Season	Shipments through July	Remaining to be shipped	Total shipments
	Bushels		
<b>Certified:</b>			
1987-88	83,500	1,046,500	1,130,000
1988-89	124,900	933,100	1,058,000
1989-90	150,100	1,149,900	1,300,000
1990-91	128,500	623,500	752,000
1991-92	199,400	911,600	1,111,000
1992-93	133,100	150,900	284,000
1993-94	3,100	171,900	175,000
1994-95	92,800	686,200	779,000
1995-96	92,200	651,800	744,000
1996-97	107,700	810,300	918,000
<b>Estimated:</b>			
1997-98	217,300	732,700	950,000

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

Variety	1995-96 season	1996-97 season		Estimated total shipments
	Total shipments	Shipments through July	Remaining to be shipped	
	Bushels 1/			
Fuerte	157,000	192,000	--	--
Hass	5,628,000	4,525,000	--	--
Other	750,000	685,000	--	--
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,535,000</b>	<b>5,402,000</b>	<b>1,198,000</b>	<b>6,600,000</b>

1/ Pounds converted to bushels at 50 pound equivalents.