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AVOCADOS

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FLORIDA: The forecast of avocados for certified shipments is continued at 950,000 bushels. This is four percent more than the previous season shipments of 918,000 bushels. It is 15 percent less than the 1991-92 season's 1,111,000 bushel shipments.

Bearing acreage is estimated at 5,700 acres, the same as last season. Trees planted after 1992 are beginning to bear limited amounts of fruit.

Shipments through August total 425,900 bushels, the most to that time in many seasons. Maturity levels of the summer varieties are 2-3 weeks ahead of normal with large fruit sizes.

CALIFORNIA: Shipments through August are 5,922,000 bushel equivalents. Two months remain in the shipping season with total shipments estimated slightly more than the previous season.

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

Season	Shipments through August	Remaining to be shipped	Total shipments
Bushels			
Certified:			
1987-88	242,000	888,000	1,130,000
1988-89	331,400	726,600	1,058,000
1989-90	385,000	915,000	1,300,000
1990-91	285,900	466,100	752,000
1991-92	403,800	707,200	1,111,000
1992-93	274,700	9,300	284,000
1993-94	27,000	148,000	175,000
1994-95	233,500	545,500	779,000
1995-96	243,900	500,100	744,000
1996-97	286,700	631,300	918,000
Estimated			
1997-98	425,900	524,100	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 August	Remaining to be shipped	
Bushels ^{1/}				
Fuerte	157,000	193,000	7,000	200,000
Hass	5,628,000	5,033,000	567,000	5,600,000
Other	750,000	696,000	104,000	800,000
Total	6,535,000	5,922,000	678,000	6,600,000

^{1/} Pounds converted to bushels at 50 pound equivalents.