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AVOCADOS

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FLORIDA: The forecast of avocados for certified shipments is continued at 950,000 bushels. If realized, this will be almost four percent more than the 918,000 bushels shipped in the 1996-97 season.

Through October, 756,200 bushels were shipped, the most to date since the 1991-92 season. While summer varieties have produced a large crop, winter varieties are

reported to have less fruit than last season.

CALIFORNIA: The preliminary season total shipments for 1996-97 are 6,449,000 bushel equivalents, only slightly less than the previous season. Early season forecasts for the 1997-98 season which began November 1 are for slightly less shipments.

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

Season	Shipments through October	Remaining to be shipped	Total shipments
Bushels			
Certified:			
1987-88	605,400	524,600	1,130,000
1988-89	711,400	346,600	1,058,000
1989-90	842,300	457,700	1,300,000
1990-91	550,300	201,700	752,000
1991-92	759,400	351,600	1,111,000
1992-93	274,700	9,300	284,000
1993-94	92,600	82,400	175,000
1994-95	505,800	273,200	779,000
1995-96	526,900	217,100	744,000
1996-97	621,700	296,300	918,000
Estimated:			
1997-98	756,200	193,800	950,000

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

Variety	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	Estimated shipments for 1997-98 season
Bushels 1/				
Fuerte	168,000	157,000	197,000	142,000
Hass	5,062,000	5,628,000	5,521,000	5,524,000
Other	854,000	750,000	731,000	734,000
Total	6,084,000	6,535,000	6,449,000	6,400,000

1/ Pounds converted to bushels at 50 pound equivalents.