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AVOCADOS

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FLORIDA: The forecast of avocados for certified shipments is continued at 900,000 bushels. This is less than the last two seasons when slightly more than 900,000 bushels were shipped.

Shipments through December total 831,400 bushels, near the amount in the 1996-97 season when a total of 918,000 bushels were shipped.

CALIFORNIA: Shipments through January 2 total 292,000 bushel equivalents, less than last season's 591,000 bushel equivalent to the same date.

Freezing weather in late December in the San Joaquin Valley area did not cause any loss of fruit because most of these varieties were already harvested. Some tree damage is reported but loss if any is not known at this time.

FLORIDA: Estimated certified shipments of avocados, 1998-99 season, with comparisons - Season: April 1 - March 31

| Season | Shipments through December | Remaining to be shipped | Total shipments |
|-------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Bushels | | | |
| Certified: | | | |
| 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 |
| 1997-98 | 923,200 | 14,800 | 938,000 |
| Estimated: | | | |
| 1998-99 | 831,400 | 68,600 | 900,000 |

CALIFORNIA: Estimated avocado shipments, 1998-99 season, with comparisons - Season: November 1 - October 31

| Variety | 1997-98 | 1998-99 season | | |
|--------------|------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| | Total shipments | Shipments through January 2 | Remaining to be shipped | Estimated total shipments |
| Bushels 1/ | | | | |
| Fuerte | 98,000 | 26,200 | 123,800 | 150,000 |
| Hass | 5,326,000 | 129,600 | 4,630,400 | 4,760,000 |
| Other | 659,000 | 136,100 | 383,900 | 520,000 |
| Total | 6,083,000 | 291,900 | 5,138,100 | 5,430,000 |

1/ Pounds converted to bushels at 50 pound equivalents.