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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 slightly less than was shipped the last two seasons.

Trees are in good condition and bloom for next season's crop is expected to be good.

Shipments to date at 876,700 bushels are near two seasons ago when a total of 918,000 bushels were shipped. Weekly shipments are declining as the season is almost complete.

**CALIFORNIA:** Shipments to date are slightly over half of last season to the same date with the Hass variety showing the most decline. Some windfall and thrip damage is reported. There may have been some loss to the cold weather in December also.

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

Season	Shipments through January	Remaining to be shipped	Total shipments
Bushels			
<b>Certified:</b>			
1988-89	1,036,900	21,100	1,058,000
1989-90	1,262,500	37,500	1,300,000
1990-91	744,500	7,500	752,000
1991-92	1,091,300	19,700	1,111,000
1992-93	274,700	9,300	284,000
1993-94	165,500	9,500	175,000
1994-95	762,700	16,300	779,000
1995-96	731,800	12,200	744,000
1996-97	887,800	30,200	918,000
1997-98	935,500	2,500	938,000
<b>Estimated:</b>			
1998-99	876,700	23,300	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	Remaining to be shipped	Estimated total shipments
Bushels 1/				
Fuerte	98,000	52,700	97,300	150,000
Hass	5,326,000	457,200	4,302,800	4,760,000
Other	659,000	214,900	305,100	520,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,083,000</b>	<b>724,800</b>	<b>4,705,200</b>	<b>5,430,000</b>

1/ Pounds converted to bushels at 50 pound equivalents.