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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 the 938,000 bushels shipped last season. This is the third season shipments have been above 900,000 bushels.

Replacement trees planted since the storm in 1992 are beginning to produce limited amounts of fruit. Bearing acreage statewide is estimated at 6,000 acres, up from 5,700 last season.

Shipments through August are 356,300 bushels, less than last season's early maturity crop but higher than the previous season's level. Maturity levels are near normal with strong demand for large sizes.

**CALIFORNIA:** Shipments through August total 5,745,000 bushel equivalents. Two months remain in the marketing season.

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

Season	Shipments through August	Remaining to be shipped	Total shipments
Bushels			
<b>Certified:</b>			
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
1997-98	425,900	512,100	938,000
<b>Estimated</b>			
1998-99	356,300	543,700	900,000

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

Variety	1996-97 season		1997-98 season	
	Total shipments	Shipments through August	Remaining to be shipped	Estimated total shipments
Bushels <sup>1/</sup>				
Fuerte	231,000	98,000	2,000	100,000
Hass	5,551,000	5,012,000	388,000	5,400,000
Other	800,000	635,000	25,000	660,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,582,000</b>	<b>5,745,000</b>	<b>415,000</b>	<b>6,160,000</b>

<sup>1/</sup> Pounds converted to bushels at 50 pound equivalents.