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AVOCADOS

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FLORIDA: The forecast of avocados for certified shipments is 900,000 bushels, the same as last month. This is less than the last two seasons when slightly over 900,000 bushels were shipped.

Gusty winds and heavy rainfall the first week of November from Tropical Storm Mitch interrupted harvest and caused limited limb breakage. Some fruit was lost but amounts are reported minimal at this time.

Shipments to November 1 are 619,000 bushels, less than last season's advanced crop but near the previous season's level. Demand is reported excellent for large fruit.

CALIFORNIA: Estimated total shipments for the just completed 1997-98 season are 6,083,000 bushel equivalents, slightly less than the previous season. A smaller crop is expected for the 1998-99 season which has just started harvest.

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

Season	Shipments through October	Remaining to be shipped	Total shipments
Bushels			
Certified:			
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
1997-98	756,200	181,800	938,000
Estimated:			
1998-99	619,000	281,000	900,000

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

Variety	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	Estimated shipments for 1998-99 season
Bushels 1/				
Fuerte	157,000	231,000	98,000	150,000
Hass	5,628,000	5,551,000	5,326,000	4,760,000
Other	750,000	800,000	659,000	520,000
Total	6,535,000	6,582,000	6,083,000	5,430,000

1/ Pounds converted to bushels at 50 pound equivalents.