

Crop Production

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Orange Production Down 3 Percent from February Forecast

The United States all orange forecast for the 2021-2022 season is 3.78 million tons, down 3 percent from the previous forecast and down 15 percent from the 2020-2021 final utilization. The Florida all orange forecast, at 41.2 million boxes (1.85 million tons), is down 5 percent from the previous forecast and down 22 percent from last season's final utilization. In Florida, early, midseason, and Navel varieties are forecast at 18.2 million boxes (819,000 tons), up 4 percent from the previous forecast but down 20 percent from last season's final utilization. The Florida Valencia orange forecast, at 23.0 million boxes (1.04 million tons), is down 12 percent from the previous forecast and down 24 percent from last season's final utilization.

The California Valencia orange forecast is 8.60 million boxes (344,000 tons), unchanged from previous forecast but down 9 percent from the previous season. This results in a California all orange forecast of 47.6 million boxes (1.90 million tons), unchanged from the previous forecast but down 5 percent from last season's final utilization. The forecast for Texas is carried forward from the previous forecast.

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Sugarcane Area Harvested, Yield, and Production – States and United States: 2020 and 2021

Ctata	Area ha	rvested	Yield per acre ¹		Production ¹	
State	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(tons)	(tons)	(1,000 tons)	(1,000 tons)
For sugar						
Florida	409.0	388.0	44.3	42.4	18,119	16,451
Louisiana	461.0	466.0	32.9	29.0	15,167	13,514
Texas	33.4	34.3	31.5	30.8	1,052	1,056
United States	903.4	888.3	38.0	34.9	34,338	31,021
For seed						
Florida	14.3	15.5	47.3	47.5	676	736
Louisiana	27.4	29.3	36.5	34.5	1,000	1,011
Texas	2.5	2.1	34.3	33.5	86	70
United States	44.2	46.9	39.9	38.7	1,762	1,817
For sugar and seed						
Florida	423.3	403.5	44.4	42.6	18,795	17,187
Louisiana	488.4	495.3	33.1	29.3	16,167	14,525
Texas	35.9	36.4	31.7	30.9	1,138	1,126
United States	947.6	935.2	38.1	35.1	36,100	32,838

¹ Net tons.

Utilized Production of Citrus Fruits by Crop - States and United States: 2020-2021 and Forecasted March 1, 2022

[The crop year begins with the bloom of the first year shown and ends with the completion of harvest the following year]

One and Otata	Utilized produc	tion boxes 1	Utilized production ton equivalent		
Crop and State	2020-2021	2021-2022	2020-2021	2021-2022	
	(1,000 boxes)	(1,000 boxes)	(1,000 tons)	(1,000 tons)	
Oranges California, all Early, mid, and Navel ^{2 3} Valencia	50,100	47,600	2,004	1,904	
	40,600	39,000	1,624	1,560	
	9,500	8,600	380	344	
Florida, all	52,800	41,200	2,377	1,854	
Early, mid, and Navel ³	22,700	18,200	1,022	819	
Valencia	30,100	23,000	1,355	1,035	
Texas, all ²	1,050	400	45	17	
Early, mid, and Navel ³	1,000	300	43	13	
Valencia	50	100	2	4	
United States, all	103,950	89,200	4,426	3,775	
	64,300	57,500	2,689	2,392	
	39,650	31,700	1,737	1,383	
Grapefruit California ² Florida Texas ²	3,900	3,500	156	140	
	4,100	3,900	174	166	
	2,400	1,600	96	64	
United States	10,400	9,000	426	370	
Tangerines and mandarins ⁴ California ² Florida	28,100	21,000	1,124	840	
	890	800	42	38	
United States	28,990	21,800	1,166	878	
Lemons ² Arizona	800	1,400	32	56	
	21,300	23,000	852	920	
United States	22,100	24,400	884	976	

¹ Net pounds per box: oranges in California-80, Florida-90, Texas-85; grapefruit in California-80, Florida-85, Texas-80; tangerines and mandarins in California-80, Florida-95; lemons-80.

Estimates for current year carried forward from previous forecast.
 Navel and miscellaneous varieties in California. Early (including Navel) and mid-season varieties in Florida and Texas.

⁴ Includes tangelos and tangors.

Crop Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production in Domestic Units – United States: 2021 and 2022

[Data are the latest estimates available, either from the current report or from previous reports. Current year estimates are for the full 2022 crop year. Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

Cron	Area p	lanted	Area harvested		
Crop	2021	2022	2021	2022	
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	
Grains and hay					
Barley	2,660		1,948		
Corn for grain 1	93,357		85,388		
Corn for silage	(NA)		6,481		
lay, all	(NA)		50,736		
Alfalfa	(NA)		15,246		
All other	(NA)		35,490		
Dats	2,550		650		
Proso millet	725		662		
Rice	2,532		2,488		
	2,133		2,488		
Rye	,		-		
Sorghum for grain ¹	7,305		6,490		
Sorghum for silage	(NA)		331		
Wheat, all	46,703	0465=	37,163		
Winter	33,648	34,397	25,464		
Durum	1,635		1,534		
Other spring	11,420		10,165		
Dilseeds					
Canola	2,152.0		2,089.0		
Cottonseed	(X)		(X)		
Flaxseed	325		268		
Mustard seed	103.0		89.3		
Peanuts	1,585.2		1,545.0		
Rapeseed	14.3		12.5		
Safflower	152.0		135.0		
Soybeans for beans	87,195		86,332		
Sunflower	1,288.5		1,243.8		
Setten tehana and augus arens					
Cotton, tobacco, and sugar crops	11 210 F		0.068.3		
Cotton, all	11,219.5		9,968.3		
Upland	11,093.0		9,844.5		
American Pima	126.5		123.8		
Sugarbeets	1,160.0		1,107.6		
Sugarcane	(NA)		935.2		
Tobacco	(NA)		218.9		
Dry beans, peas, and lentils					
Chickpeas	368.5		351.0		
Dry edible beans	1,394.0		1,335.6		
Dry edible peas	977.0		834.0		
_entils	708.0		549.0		
Potatoes and miscellaneous					
Hops	(NA)		60.9		
Maple syrup	(NA)		(NA)		
Mushrooms	(NA)		(NA)		
Peppermint oil	(NA)		44.0		
• •	(NA) 943.0		935.7		
Potatoes					
Spearmint oil	(NA)		14.9		

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Crop Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production in Domestic Units - United States: 2021 and 2022 (continued)

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Crop	Yield per a	acre	Production	
Стор	2021	2022	2021	2022
			(1,000)	(1,000)
Grains and hay				
Barley bushels	60.4		117,673	
Corn for grain bushels	177.0		15,115,170	
Corn for silagetons	20.1		130,317	
Hay, alltons	2.37		120,196	
Alfalfatons	3.23		49,245	
All othertons	2.00		70,951	
Dats	61.3		39,836	
Proso millet bushels	23.2		15,376	
Rice ² cwt	7,709		191,796	
Ryebushels	33.4		9,808	
Sorghum for grainbushels	69.0		447,810	
Sorghum for silagetons	15.4		5,083	
Wheat, allbushels	44.3		1,645,764	
Winterbushels	50.2		1,277,365	
Durumbushels	24.3		37,259	
Other springbushels	32.6		331,140	
Dilseeds				
Canolapounds	1,302		2,720,550	
Cottonseedtons	(X)		5,377.0	
Flaxseedbushels	10.1		2,708	
Mustard seedpounds	491		43,834	
Peanuts pounds	-		6,389,300	
,	4,135		' '	
Rapeseedpounds	1,809		22,616	
Safflowerpounds	1,001		135,175	
Soybeans for beansbushels Sunflowerpounds	51.4 1,530		4,435,232 1,902,985	
outiliowerpourius	1,550		1,902,903	
Cotton, tobacco, and sugar crops	0.40		47.004.0	
Cotton, all ² bales	849		17,624.0	
Upland ² bales	841		17,257.0	
American Pima ² bales	1,423		367.0	
Sugarbeetstons	33.2		36,751	
Sugarcanetons	35.1		32,838	
Tobaccopounds	2,183		477,973	
Dry beans, peas, and lentils				
Chickpeas ² cwt	815		2,861	
Ory edible beans ² cwt	1,701		22,721	
Dry edible peas ² cwt	1,025		8,549	
entils ²	606		3,327	
Potatoes and miscellaneous				
Hopspounds	1,900		115,630.9	
Maple syrupgallons	(NA)		3,424	
Mushroomspounds	(NA)		757,987	
Peppermint oilpounds	104		4,566	
•••	438		409,671	
Potatoes				
Spearmint oilpounds	119		1,775	

⁽NA) Not available.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Area planted for all purposes.

² Yield in pounds.

Crop Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production in Metric Units - United States: 2021 and 2022

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Cron	Area plar	nted	Area harvested		
Crop	2021	2022	2021	2022	
	(hectares)	(hectares)	(hectares)	(hectares)	
Grains and hay					
Barley	1,076,480		788,340		
Corn for grain ¹	37,780,640		34,555,670		
Corn for silage	(NA)		2,622,800		
Hay, all ²	(NA)		20,532,350		
Alfalfa	(NA)		6,169,900		
All other	(NA)		14,362,450		
Dats	1,031,960		263,050		
Proso millet	293,400		267,900		
	,				
Rice	1,024,680		1,006,870		
Rye	863,200		118,980		
Sorghum for grain ¹	2,956,260		2,626,440		
Sorghum for silage	(NA)		133,950		
Vheat, all ²	18,900,240		15,039,490		
Winter	13,617,010	13,920,120	10,305,030		
Durum	661,670		620,790		
Other spring	4,621,560		4,113,670		
Dilseeds					
Canola	870,890		845,400		
Cottonseed	(X)		(X)		
Flaxseed	131,520		108,460		
Austard seed	41,680		36,140		
Peanuts	641,510		625,250		
Rapeseed	5,790		5,060		
Safflower	61,510		54,630		
Soybeans for beans	35,286,940		34,937,700		
Sunflower	521,440		503,350		
Cotton, tobacco, and sugar crops					
Cotton, all ²	4,540,420		4,034,070		
Upland	4,489,230		3,983,970		
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American Pima	51,190		50,100		
Sugarbeets	469,440		448,230		
Sugarcane	(NA)		378,470		
obacco	(NA)		88,600		
Ory beans, peas, and lentils					
Chickpeas	149,130		142,050		
Ory edible beans	564,140		540,500		
Ory edible peas	395,380		337,510		
entils	286,520		222,170		
Potatoes and miscellaneous					
lops	(NA)		24,630		
Maple syrup	(NA)		(NA)		
Mushrooms	(NA)		(NA)		
Peppermint oil	(NA)		17,810		
Potatoes	381,620		378,670		
Spearmint oil	361,620 (NA)		6,030		

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Crop	Yield per	hectare	Production		
Стор	2021	2022	2021	2022	
	(metric tons)	(metric tons)	(metric tons)	(metric tons	
Grains and hay					
Barley	3.25		2,562,030		
Corn for grain	11.11		383,943,000		
Corn for silage	45.07		118.221.590		
Hay, all ²	5.31		109,039,980		
Alfalfa	7.24		44,674,310		
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All other	4.48		64,365,660		
Dats	2.20		578,220		
Proso millet	1.30		348,720		
Rice	8.64		8,699,720		
Rye	2.09		249,130		
Sorghum for grain	4.33		11,374,900		
Sorghum for silage	34.42		4,611,220		
Vheat, all ²	2.98		44,790,360		
Winter	3.37		34.764.180		
Durum	1.63		1,014,020		
	2.19		′ ′ ′		
Other spring	2.19		9,012,150		
Dilseeds					
Canola	1.46		1,234,020		
Cottonseed	(X)		4,877,930		
Flaxseed	0.63		68,790		
Mustard seed	0.55		19,880		
Peanuts	4.64		2,898,140		
Rapeseed	2.03		10,260		
Safflower	1.12		61,310		
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Soybeans for beansSunflower	3.45 1.71		120,707,230 863,180		
Cotton, tobacco, and sugar crops	0.95		3,837,170		
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Upland	0.94		3,757,270		
American Pima	1.59		79,900		
Sugarbeets	74.38		33,339,950		
Sugarcane	78.71		29,790,130		
obacco	2.45		216,800		
Ory beans, peas, and lentils					
Chickpeas	0.91		129,770		
Dry edible beans	1.91		1,030,610		
Ory edible peas	1.15		387,780		
entils	0.68		150,910		
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Potatoes and miscellaneous					
lops	2.13		52,450		
Maple syrup	(NA)		17,120		
Mushrooms	(NA)		343,820		
Peppermint oil	0.12		2,070		
Potatoes	49.07		18,582,370		
Spearmint oil	0.13		810		

⁽NA) Not available.

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¹ Area planted for all purposes.

² Total may not add due to rounding.

Fruits and Nuts Production in Domestic Units - United States: 2021 and 2022

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Cton	Production			
Сгор	2021	2022		
Citrus ¹				
Grapefruit1,000 tons	426	370		
Lemons	884	976		
Oranges	4,426	3,775		
Tangerines and mandarins	1,166	878		
Noncitrus				
Apples, commercialmillion pounds	10,525.0			
Apricotstons	55,500			
Avocados tons				
Blueberries, Cultivated1,000 pounds				
Blueberries, Wild (Maine)1,000 pounds				
Cherries, Sweettons	369,000			
Cherries, Tartmillion pounds	142.0			
Coffee (Hawaii)1,000 pounds	27,120			
Cranberriesbarrel	7,900,000			
Datestons				
Grapestons	6,470,000			
Kiwifruit (California)tons				
Nectarines (California)tons				
Olives (California)tons				
Papayas (Hawaii)1,000 pounds				
Peachestons	696,500			
Pearstons	670,000			
Plums (California)tons				
Prunes (California)tons				
Raspberries, all1,000 pounds				
Strawberries				
Nuts and miscellaneous				
Almonds, shelled (California)1,000 pounds	2,800,000			
Hazelnuts, in-shell (Oregon)tons				
Macadamias (Hawaii)1,000 pounds				
Pecans, in-shell1,000 pounds	258,000			
Pistachios (California)1,000 pounds				
Walnuts, in-shell (California)tons	670,000			

¹ Production years are 2020-2021 and 2021-2022.

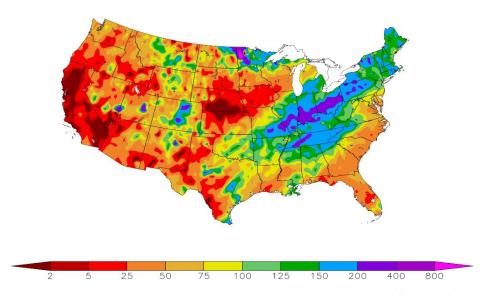
Fruits and Nuts Production in Metric Units - United States: 2021 and 2022

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0	Produ	ıction
Crop	2021	2022
	(metric tons)	(metric tons)
Citrus ¹ Grapefruit Lemons Oranges Tangerines and mandarins	386,460 801,950 4,015,200 1,057,780	335,660 885,410 3,424,620 796,510
Noncitrus Apples, commercial Apricots Avocados Blueberries, Cultivated Blueberries, Wild (Maine) Cherries, Sweet Cherries, Tart	4,774,060 50,350 334,750 64,410	
Coffee (Hawaii)	12,300 358,340	
Dates Grapes Kiwifruit (California) Nectarines (California) Olives (California)	5,869,490	
Papayas (Hawaii) Peaches Pears Plums (California) Prunes (California) Raspberries, all Strawberries	631,850 607,810	
Nuts and miscellaneous Almonds, shelled (California) Hazelnuts, in-shell (Oregon) Macadamias (Hawaii) Pecans, in-shell	1,270,060 117,030	
Pistachios (California)	607,810	

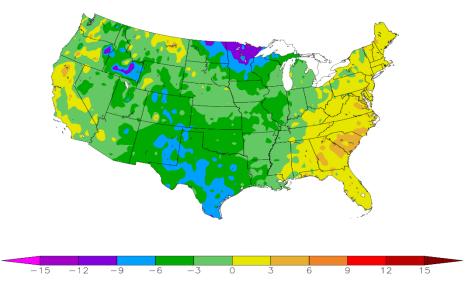
¹ Production years are 2020-2021 and 2021-2022.

Percent of Normal Precipitation (%) 2/1/2022 - 2/28/2022



NOAA Regional Climate Centers

Departure from Normal Temperature (F) 2/1/2022 - 2/28/2022



NOAA Regional Climate Centers

February Weather Summary

For the second month in a row, meager precipitation fell in the West, except across the northern tier. As a result, prospects dimmed for adequate spring and summer runoff in many river basins from Oregon and California to the central and southern Rockies, with only about a month remaining in the Western snow accumulation season. According to the California Department of Water Resources, the average water equivalency of the Sierra Nevada snowpack remained nearly steady between 15 and 16 inches throughout January and February, while a normal year would have featured a 2-month increase of well over a foot. As a result, snow-water equivalency as a percent of average for the date fell from nearly 160 percent in late-December 2021 to 63 percent by March 1. A few areas of the West—including the northern Cascades, portions of the northern and central Rockies, and the Wasatch Range—fared better, with near-normal snowpack in place as February ended.

Meanwhile, worsening drought extended across portions of the central and southern Plains, where rangeland, pastures, and winter grains further deteriorated. By February 27, topsoil moisture was rated 75 to 80 percent very short to short in Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas, according to USDA/NASS. On that date, winter wheat was rated 75 percent very poor to poor in Texas, along with 65 percent in Oklahoma and 38 percent in Kansas. Texas also reported 69 percent of its rangeland, pastures, and oats were rated in very poor to poor condition. During February, short-term dryness notably worsened across much of Nebraska, extending into Iowa and northwestern Missouri, as well as portions of neighboring States.

In contrast, multiple February storms produced significant precipitation from the mid-South into the Ohio and Tennessee Valleys, the lower Great Lakes region, and parts of the Northeast. Along the axis of wetness, precipitation fell in a variety of forms, including snow, sleet, freezing rain, and rain. The wintry weather caused periodic travel disruptions, while repeated rounds of rain led to pockets of lowland flooding. During the week ending February 20, topsoil moisture was rated at least one-third surplus in Indiana (60 percent), Ohio (55 percent), Michigan (52 percent), and Illinois (40 percent). Farther north, drought was fully eradicated by month's end in western Minnesota and the eastern Dakotas, where persistently cold weather allowed snow cover to build to the point where spring flooding may occur, especially in the Red River Valley of the North and surrounding basins.

However, overall drought coverage in the United States continued to grow, increasing nearly 4 percentage points during the month to reach 59.2 percent of the Lower 48 States by March 1. National drought coverage was last greater more than 9 years ago, on January 8, 2013. The long-running drought has resulted in national drought coverage exceeding 40 percent for a Drought Monitor-era record 75 consecutive weeks (September 29, 2020, to March 1, 2022). In addition, drought coverage has surpassed 50 percent for 15 weeks in a row, starting November 23, 2021, second only to a 42-week streak set from June 26, 2012, to April 9, 2013. On March 1, drought covered 90.4 percent of the 11-state Western region, while extreme to exceptional drought (D3 to D4) was affecting nearly one-quarter (23.7 percent) of that area.

Elsewhere, periods of snow accompanied persistently cold conditions across much of the North, while unusually dry February weather plagued the southern Atlantic region and many areas along the Gulf Coast. In the southern Atlantic States, dryness and spring-like warmth reduced topsoil moisture for pastures and spring-sown crops. By February 27, Florida's topsoil moisture was rated 44 percent very short to short. In addition, Florida's pastures were rated 57 percent in very poor to poor condition, as grasses burned back by late-January freezes were slow to recover due to short-term dryness. Much of the remainder of the country noted near- or below-normal February temperatures, although chronically frigid conditions (temperatures averaging 5 to 10°F below normal) were largely limited to the upper Great Lakes region and parts of North Dakota. Monthly temperatures also averaged 5 to 10°F below normal in portions of the western Gulf Coast region. Several fleeting surges of cold air reached deep into the western and central United States, resulting in occasional sub-zero temperatures as far south as the southern High Plains and late-February freezes in California's Central Valley and adjacent areas closer to the Pacific Coast.

February Agricultural Summary

February was cooler than normal for most of the Nation. Parts of the Great Lakes, New Mexico, Pacific Northwest, Northern Plains, Rockies, and Texas recorded temperatures 6°F or more below normal. In contrast, most of the eastern third of the Nation was warmer than normal for the month. Parts of the Mid-Atlantic and Southeast recorded temperatures

3°F above normal. Most of the western half of the Nation remained dryer than normal during February. In contrast, parts of the Mid-Atlantic, Midwest, and Mississippi Valley received at least twice the normal amount of precipitation for the month.

Crop Comments

Sugarcane: Production of sugarcane for sugar and seed is forecast at 32.8 million tons, down 2 percent from last month and down 9 percent from 2020. Producers intend to harvest 935,200 acres for sugar and seed during the 2021 crop year, up slightly from last month but down 1 percent from 2020. Yields for sugar and seed are expected to average 35.1 tons per acre, down 0.7 ton from last month and down 3.0 tons from 2020.

Grapefruit: The United States 2021-2022 grapefruit crop is forecast at 370,000 tons, down 2 percent from the previous forecast and down 13 percent from last season's final utilization. The Florida forecast, at 3.90 million boxes (166,000 tons), is down 5 percent from previous forecast and down 5 percent from the last season. The California and Texas grapefruit production forecasts were carried forward from the previous forecast.

Tangerines and mandarins: The United States tangerine and mandarin crop is forecast at 878,000 tons, unchanged from the previous forecast but down 25 percent from the last season's final utilization. The Florida tangerine and mandarin forecast, at 800,000 boxes (38,000 tons), is unchanged from the previous forecast but down 10 percent from last year. The California tangerine and mandarin forecast was carried forward from the previous forecast.

Statistical Methodology

Survey procedures: The orange objective yield survey for the March 1 forecast was conducted in Florida. In August and September last year, the number of bearing trees and the number of fruit per tree was determined. In August and subsequent months, fruit size measurement and fruit droppage surveys are conducted, which are combined with the previous components to develop the current forecast of production. California and Texas conduct grower surveys on a quarterly basis in October, January, April, and July. California also conducts objective measurement surveys in September for Navel oranges and in March for Valencia oranges.

Estimating procedures: State level objective yield estimates for Florida oranges were reviewed for errors, reasonableness, and consistency with historical estimates. The Florida Field Office submits its analysis of the current situation to the Agricultural Statistics Board (ASB). The ASB uses the Florida survey data and their analyses to prepare the published March 1 forecast. Reports from growers in California and Texas were also used for setting estimates. These three States submit their analyses of the current situation to the Agricultural Statistics Board (ASB). The ASB uses the survey data and the State analyses to prepare the published March 1 forecast.

Revision policy: The March 1 production forecasts will not be revised. A new forecast will be made each month throughout the growing season. End-of-season estimates will be published in the *Citrus Fruits Summary* released in September. The production estimates are based on all data available at the end of the marketing season, including information from marketing orders, shipments, and processor records. Allowances are made for recorded local utilization and home use.

Reliability: To assist users in evaluating the reliability of the March 1 production forecasts, the "Root Mean Square Error," a statistical measure based on past performance, is computed. The deviation between the March 1 production forecast and the final estimate is expressed as a percentage of the final estimate. The average of squared percentage deviations for the latest 20-year period is computed. The square root of the average becomes statistically the "Root Mean Square Error." Probability statements can be made concerning expected differences in the current forecast relative to the final end-of-season estimate, assuming that factors affecting this year's forecast are not different from those influencing recent years. For example, the "Root Mean Square Error" for the March 1 orange production forecast is 4.0 percent. This means that chances are 2 out of 3 that the current orange production forecast will not be above or below the final estimates by more than 4.0 percent. Chances are 9 out of 10 (90 percent confidence level) that the difference will not exceed 7.0 percent.

Also, shown in the following table is a 20-year record for selected crops of the differences between the March 1 forecast and the final estimate. Using oranges again as an example, changes between the March 1 orange forecast and the final estimates during the past 20-years have averaged 187,000 tons, ranging from 8,000 tons to 733,000 tons. The March 1 forecast for oranges has been below the final estimate 9 times and above 11 times. The difference does not imply that the March 1 forecasts this year are likely to understate or overstate final production.

Reliability of March 1 Crop Production Forecasts

[Based on data for the past twenty years]

Crop	90 percent		Difference between forecast and final estimate				
	Root mean square error	confidence	Production			Years	
	square error	interval	Average Smallest I		Largest	Below final	Above final
	(percent)	(percent)	(millions)	(millions)	(millions)	(number)	(number)
Oranges ¹ tons	4.0	7.0	187	8	733	9	11

¹ Quantity is in thousands of units.

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