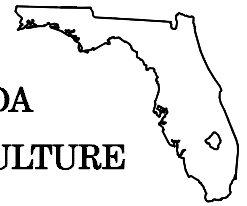




Florida Agricultural Statistics Service
 1222 Woodward Street
 Orlando, Florida 32803
 407 / 648-6013

<http://www.nass.usda.gov/fl>

AVOCADOS



FLORIDA
AGRICULTURE

November 10, 1999

FLORIDA: The forecast of avocados for certified shipments is decreased 50,000 bushels to 850,000 bushels. Hurricane Irene passed through the Homestead area on October 15 causing loss of fruit from unharvested trees. The most droppage occurred on the largest fruit varieties, principally Choquette and Monroe.

Rainfall was heavy, up to 18 inches reported in some areas, and water stood in some groves for several days. Any resulting root damage could cause further loss of fruit.

Shipments to November 1 total 708,900 bushels, ahead of last season to the same date. The shipping season will be shortened because of the storm with total shipments slightly less than last season.

CALIFORNIA: Estimated total shipments for the just completed 1998-99 season are 5,403,000 bushel equivalents, down 11 percent from the prior season. The 1999-2000 crop is expected to be 18 percent higher at 6,360,000 bushel equivalents.

FLORIDA: Estimated certified shipments of avocados, 1999-00 season, with comparisons - Season: April 1 - March 31

Season	Shipments through October	Remaining to be shipped	Total shipments
Bushels			
Certified:			
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
1998-99	619,000	272,000	891,000
Estimated:			
1999-00	708,900	141,100	850,000

CALIFORNIA: Estimated avocado shipments, 1999-00 season, with comparisons - Season: November 1 - October 31

Variety	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	Estimated shipments for 1999-00 season
Bushels 1/				
Fuerte	231,000	93,000	103,000	118,000
Hass	5,551,000	5,376,000	4,860,000	5,736,000
Other	800,000	629,000	440,000	506,000
Total	6,582,000	6,098,000	5,403,000	6,360,000

1/ Pounds converted to bushels at 50 pound equivalents.

