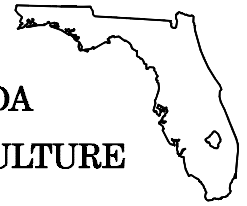




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FLORIDA: The forecast of avocados for certified shipments for the 2000-2001 season is 950,000 bushels. This is 13 percent more than was shipped in the previous season. However, that season's shipments were reduced by droppage of fruit caused by Hurricane Irene which passed near Homestead on October 15, 1999.

Estimated shipments through July at 218,100 bushels are over 30 percent greater than the previous two seasons. Summer varieties are heavy set and good demand and quality are reported.

Bearing acres (trees planted in 1996 and earlier) are estimated at 6,100. Trees planted since the storm in 1992 are bearing increasing amounts of fruit.

CALIFORNIA: Shipments through July total 5,494,000 bushel equivalents, more than the 4,291,000 bushels to the same date last season. Three months remain in the marketing season with the total crop expected to be 6,430,000 bushel equivalents.

FLORIDA: Certified shipments of avocados, 2000-2001 season, with comparisons - Season: April 1 - March 31

Season	Shipments through July	Remaining to be shipped	Total shipments
Bushels			
Certified:			
1990-91	128,500	623,500	752,000
1991-92	199,400	911,600	1,111,000
1992-93	133,100	150,900	284,000
1993-94	3,100	171,900	175,000
1994-95	92,800	686,200	779,000
1995-96	92,200	651,800	744,000
1996-97	123,400	794,600	918,000
1997-98	230,800	707,200	938,000
1998-99	163,800	727,200	891,000
1999-00	159,600	683,400	843,000
Estimated:			
2000-01	218,100	731,900	950,000

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

Variety	1998-99 season	1999-00 season		Estimated total shipments
	Total shipments	Shipments through July	Remaining to be shipped	
Bushels 1/				
Fuerte	104,000	122,000	0	122,000
Hass	4,879,000	4,884,000	892,000	5,776,000
Other	448,000	488,000	44,000	532,000
Total	5,431,000	5,494,000	936,000	6,430,000

1/ Pounds converted to bushels at 50 pound equivalents.