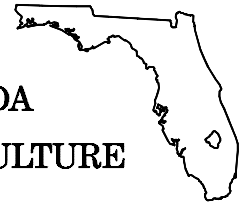




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AVOCADOS



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FLORIDA: The forecast of avocados for certified shipments remains unchanged at 1,050,000 bushels. This is 18 percent more than the 891,000 bushels shipped in the previous season and the highest amount since before Hurricane Andrew struck ten years ago.

Estimated shipments through August total 545,200 bushels, more than any other season to date. Maturity levels and sizes are advanced, possibly because of above normal rainfall.

Bearing acres (trees planted in 1998 and earlier) are estimated at 6,000 acres. This is only slightly more than last season's 5,900 acres.

CALIFORNIA: Shipments through September 3 total 7,300,000 bushel equivalents, slightly less than last season. A smaller total crop is expected, 7,515,000 bushel equivalents versus last season's 8,447,000 bushels.

FLORIDA: Certified shipments of avocados, 2002-2003 season, with comparisons - Season: April 1 - March 31

Season	Shipments through August	Remaining to be shipped	Total shipments
Bushels			
Certified:			
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
1998-99	356,300	534,700	891,000
1999-00	368,400	474,600	843,000
2000-01	459,100	545,900	1,005,000
2001-02	423,800	467,200	891,000
Estimated:			
2002-03	545,200	504,800	1,050,000

CALIFORNIA: Estimated avocado shipments, 2001-02 season, with comparisons - Season: November 1 - October 31

Variety	2000-01 season	2001-02 season		Estimated total shipments
	Total shipments	Shipments through September 3	Remaining to be shipped	
Bushels 1/				
Fuerte	157,000	81,000	0	81,000
Hass	7,737,000	6,755,000	125,000	6,880,000
Other	553,000	464,000	90,000	554,000
Total	8,447,000	7,300,000	215,000	7,515,000

1/ Pounds converted to bushels at 50 pound equivalents.