

### **Crop Production**

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### **Orange Production Down 1 Percent from March Forecast**

The United States all orange forecast for the 2023-2024 season is 2.73 million tons, down 1 percent from the previous forecast but up 7 percent from the 2022-2023 revised utilization. The Florida all orange forecast, at 18.8 million boxes (846,000 tons), is down 5 percent from the previous forecast but up 19 percent from last season's revised utilization. In Florida, early, midseason, and Navel varieties are forecast at 6.80 million boxes (306,000 tons), unchanged from the previous forecast but up 11 percent from last season's revised utilization. The Florida Valencia orange forecast, at 12.0 million boxes (540,000 tons), is down 8 percent from the previous forecast but up 24 percent from last season's revised utilization.

The California all orange forecast is 46.0 million boxes (1.84 million tons), is unchanged from previous forecast but up 3 percent from last season's revised utilization. The California Navel orange forecast is 38.0 million boxes (1.52 million tons), unchanged from the previous forecast but up 5 percent from last season's revised utilization. The California Valencia orange forecast is 8.00 million boxes (320,000 tons), unchanged from the previous forecast but down 7 percent from last season's revised utilization. The Texas all orange forecast, at 1.10 million boxes (47,000 tons) up 16 percent from the previous forecast but down 3 percent from last season's revised utilization.

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### Utilized Production of Citrus Fruits by Crop - States and United States: 2022-2023 and Forecasted April 1, 2024

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

0 1011	Utilized product	tion boxes 1	Utilized productio	Utilized production ton equivalent		
Crop and State	2022-2023	2023-2024	2022-2023	2023-2024		
	(1,000 boxes)	(1,000 boxes)	(1,000 tons)	(1,000 tons)		
Oranges California, all Early, mid, and Navel <sup>2</sup> Valencia	44,700	46,000	1,788	1,840		
	36,100	38,000	1,444	1,520		
	8,600	8,000	344	320		
Florida, all	15,820	18,800	712	846		
Early, mid, and Navel <sup>2</sup>	6,150	6,800	277	306		
Valencia	9,670	12,000	435	540		
Texas, all	1,130	1,100	48	47		
Early, mid, and Navel <sup>2</sup>	570	700	24	30		
Valencia	560	400	24	17		
United States, all	61,650	65,900	2,548	2,733		
Early, mid, and Navel <sup>2</sup>	42,820	45,500	1,745	1,856		
Valencia	18,830	20,400	803	877		
Grapefruit California	4,300	4,100	172	164		
	1,810	2,000	77	85		
	2,250	2,600	90	104		
United States	8,360	8,700	339	353		
Tangerines and mandarins <sup>3</sup> California	23,550	22,000	942	880		
	480	500	23	24		
United States	24,030	22,500	965	904		
Lemons Arizona California	1,400	1,050	56	42		
	26,000	22,000	1,040	880		
United States	27,400	23,050	1,096	922		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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.

Navel and miscellaneous varieties in California. Early (including Navel) and midseason varieties in Florida and Texas.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Includes tangelos and tangors.

## Crop Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production in Domestic Units – United States: 2023 and 2024

[Data are the latest estimates available, either from the current report or from previous reports. Current year estimates are for the full 2024 crop year.

Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

0	Area p	lanted	Area harvested		
Crop	2023	2024	2023	2024	
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	
Grains and hay					
Barley	3,101	2,566	2,555		
Corn for grain <sup>1</sup>	94,641	90,036	86,513		
Corn for silage	(NA)		6,471		
Hay, all	(NA)	(NA)	52,821	51,562	
Alfalfa	(NA)	(*)	15,634		
All other	(NA)		37,187		
Oats	2,555	2,318	831		
Proso millet	619	2,010	572		
Rice	2,894	2,932	2,854		
		2,932			
Rye	2,293	0.205	322		
Sorghum for grain <sup>1</sup>	7,195	6,395	6,115		
Sorghum for silage	(NA)	47 400	384		
Wheat, all	49,575	47,498	37,272		
Winter	36,699	34,135	24,683		
Durum	1,676	2,028	1,604		
Other spring	11,200	11,335	10,985		
Oilseeds					
Canola	2,344.5	2,366.5	2,319.2		
Cottonseed	(X)	,	(X)		
Flaxseed	178	105	160		
Mustard seed	245.0		238.1		
Peanuts	1,645.0	1,651.0	1,574.0		
Rapeseed	13.2	1,001.0	10.1		
Safflower	129.5		126.0		
Soybeans for beans	83,600	86,510	82,356		
Sunflower	1,315.0	957.5	1,267.5		
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Cotton, tobacco, and sugar crops	40,000,0	40.070.0	7 004 0		
Cotton, all	10,230.0	10,673.0	7,064.6		
Upland	10,083.0	10,470.0	6,924.8		
American Pima	147.0	203.0	139.8		
Sugarbeets	1,137.4	1,129.0	1,127.3		
Sugarcane	(NA)		929.6		
Tobacco	(NA)	(NA)	187.6	165.3	
Dry beans, peas, and lentils					
Chickpeas	372.4	429.0	359.2		
Dry edible beans	1,180.0	1,316.0	1,156.9		
Dry edible peas	966.0	974.0	941.0		
Lentils	546.0	762.0	523.0		
Potatoes and miscellaneous					
Hops	(NA)		54.3		
Maple syrup	(NA)		(NA)		
	` '				
Mushrooms	(NA)		(NA)		
Peppermint oil	(NA)		31.3		
Potatoes	965.0		960.2		
Spearmint oil	(NA)		12.2		

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### **Crop Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production in Domestic Units – United States:** 2023 and 2024 (continued)

[Data are the latest estimates available, either from the current report or from previous reports. Current year estimates are for the full 2024 crop year. Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

C	Yield per acre		Production		
Crop	2023	2024	2023	2024	
			(1,000)	(1,000)	
Grains and hay					
Barley bushels	72.4		185,036		
Corn for grain bushels	177.3		15,341,595		
Corn for silagetons	20.1		129,994		
Hay, alltons	2.25		118,769		
Alfalfatons	3.19		49,916		
All othertons	1.85		68,853		
Oats bushels	68.6		57,045		
Proso milletbushels	34.2		19,572		
Rice <sup>2</sup> cwt	7.649		218,291		
Ryebushels	32.2		10,375		
Sorghum for grainbushels	52.0		317,745		
Sorghum for silagetons	13.0		4,981		
Wheat, allbushels	48.6		1,811,977		
Winter bushels	50.6		1,247,748		
Durumbushels	37.0		59,329		
Other springbushels	46.0		504,900		
Oilseeds					
Canolapounds	1.793		4,157,420		
Cottonseed tons	,		3,788.0		
Flaxseed bushels	(X) 18.5		2,961		
Mustard seed pounds	627		149.305		
Peanuts pounds	3.742		5,890,020		
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Rapeseed pounds	2,003		20,230		
Safflowerpounds	1,036		130,570		
Soybeans for beans bushels Sunflower pounds	50.6 1,786		4,164,677 2,263,520		
Cotton tobacco and cugar groups					
Cotton, tobacco, and sugar crops Cotton, all <sup>2</sup> bales	845		12,434.0		
Upland <sup>2</sup> bales American Pima <sup>2</sup> bales	841		12,127.0		
	1,054		307.0		
Sugarbeetstons	31.2		35,226		
Sugarcane tons Tobacco pounds	36.3 2.305		33,766 432,452		
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Dry beans, peas, and lentils	4 0 4 =		4 700		
Chickpeas 2cwt	1,315		4,722		
Dry edible beans <sup>2</sup> cwt	2,067		23,910		
Dry edible peas <sup>2</sup> cwt	1,922		18,086		
Lentils <sup>2</sup> cwt	1,098		5,742		
Potatoes and miscellaneous					
Hopspounds	1,915		104,042.5		
Maple syrupgallons	(NA)		4,179		
Mushroomspounds	(NA)		666,647		
Peppermint oilpounds	90		2,811		
Potatoescwt	459		440,750		
Spearmint oilpounds	126		1,541		

<sup>(</sup>NA) Not available.
(X) Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup> Area planted for all purposes.

<sup>2</sup> Yield in pounds.

## Crop Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production in Metric Units – United States: 2023 and 2024

[Data are the latest estimates available, either from the current report or from previous reports. Current year estimates are for the full 2024 crop year. Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

Crop	Area pla	nted	Area harvested		
Стор	2023	2024	2023	2024	
	(hectares)	(hectares)	(hectares)	(hectares)	
Grains and hay					
Barley	1.254.940	1.038.430	1.033.980		
Corn for grain <sup>1</sup>	38,300,270	36,436,670	35,010,950		
Corn for silage	(NA)	00,400,070	2,618,750		
Hay, all <sup>2</sup>	(NA)	(NA)	21,376,130	20,866,630	
	` ,	(IVA)		20,000,030	
Alfalfa	(NA)		6,326,920		
All other	(NA)	000.070	15,049,210		
Oats	1,033,980	938,070	336,300		
Proso millet	250,500		231,480		
Rice	1,171,170	1,186,550	1,154,990		
Rye	927,950		130,310		
Sorghum for grain <sup>1</sup>	2,911,740	2,587,990	2,474,680		
Sorghum for silage	(NA)		155,400		
Wheat, all <sup>2</sup>	20,062,510	19,221,970	15,083,610		
Winter	14,851,720	13,814,090	9,988,960		
Durum	678,260	820,710	649,120		
Other spring	4,532,530	4,587,160	4,445,520		
Oilseeds					
Canola	948,800	957,700	938,560		
Cottonseed	(X)	, , ,	(X)		
Flaxseed	72,030	42,490	64,750		
Mustard seed	99,150	,	96,360		
Peanuts	665,720	668,140	636,980		
Rapeseed	5,340	000, 140	4.090		
Safflower	52,410		50,990		
Soybeans for beans	33,832,080	35,009,730	33,328,650		
Sunflower	532,170	387,490	512,940		
Cotton, tobacco, and sugar crops					
Cotton, all <sup>2</sup>	4,139,980	4,319,260	2,858,970		
Upland	4,080,490	4,237,100	2,802,400		
American Pima	59.490	82.150	56.580		
Sugarbeets	460,290	456,900	456,210		
Sugarcane	(NA)	430,300	376,200		
Tobacco	(NA)	(NA)	75,930	66,900	
Dry beans, peas, and lentils					
Chickpeas	150.710	173.610	145.360		
Dry edible beans	477,530	532,570	468.190		
Dry edible peas	390,930	394,170	380,810		
Lentils	220,960	308,370	211,650		
Potatoes and miscellaneous					
Hops	(NA)		21.980		
Maple syrup	(NA)		(NA)		
Mushrooms	(NA)		(NA)		
	(NA) (NA)		` ,		
Peppermint oil	` ,		12,670		
Potatoes	390,530		388,580		
Spearmint oil	(NA)		4,940		

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Comm	Yield per hectare		Production		
Crop	2023	2024	2023	2024	
	(metric tons)	(metric tons)	(metric tons)	(metric tons)	
Grains and hay					
Barley	3.90		4,028,680		
Corn for grain	11.13		389,694,460		
Corn for silage	45.03		117,928,570		
Hay, all <sup>2</sup>	5.04		107,745,420		
Alfalfa	7.16		45,283,030		
All other	4.15		62,462,390		
Oats	2.46		828,010		
Proso millet	1.92		443,890		
Rice	8.57		9,901,510		
Rye	2.02		263.540		
Sorghum for grain	3.26		8,071,090		
Sorghum for silage	29.08		4,518,690		
Wheat, all <sup>2</sup>	3.27		49,313,930		
Winter	3.40		33,958,140		
Durum	2.49		1,614,670		
Other spring	3.09		13,741,130		
Oilseeds					
Canola	2.01		1,885,770		
Cottonseed			3,436,420		
Flaxseed	(X) 1.16		75,210		
Mustard seed	0.70		67,720		
Peanuts	4.19		2,671,670		
	2.25		9,180		
Rapeseed	1.16		59,230		
Soybeans for beans	3.40		113,343,930		
Sunflower	2.00		1,026,720		
Cotton tobacca and ourser evens					
Cotton, tobacco, and sugar crops	0.05		2 707 190		
Cotton, all <sup>2</sup>	0.95		2,707,180		
Upland	0.94		2,640,340		
American Pima	1.18		66,840		
Sugarbeets	70.05		31,956,490		
Sugarcane	81.42 2.58		30,632,000		
Tobacco	2.50		196,160		
Dry beans, peas, and lentils			044400		
Chickpeas	1.47		214,190		
Dry edible beans	2.32		1,084,540		
Dry edible peas	2.15		820,370		
Lentils	1.23		260,450		
Potatoes and miscellaneous					
Hops	2.15		47,190		
Maple syrup	(NA)		20,900		
Mushrooms	(NA)		302,390		
Peppermint oil	0.10		1,280		
Potatoes	51.45		19,992,090		
Spearmint oil	0.14		700		

<sup>(</sup>NA) Not available.

(X) Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup> Area planted for all purposes.

<sup>2</sup> Total may not add due to rounding.

### Fruits and Nuts Production in Domestic Units - United States: 2023 and 2024

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Cron	Production			
Сгор	2023	2024		
Citrus <sup>1</sup>				
Grapefruit1,000 tons	339	353		
Lemons	1,096	922		
Oranges	2,548	2,733		
Tangerines and mandarins	965	904		
Noncitrus				
Apples, commercialmillion pounds	9,910.0			
Apricots tons	32,400			
Avocados tons				
Blueberries, Cultivated1,000 pounds				
Blueberries, Wild (Maine)1,000 pounds				
Cherries, Sweettons	371,000			
Cherries, Tartmillion pounds	203.0			
Coffee (Hawaii)1,000 pounds				
Cranberriesbarrel	7,620,000			
Datestons				
Grapestons	6,285,000			
Kiwifruit (California)tons				
Nectarines (California)tons				
Olives (California)tons				
Papayas (Hawaii)1,000 pounds				
Peaches tons	543,000			
Pears tons	645,000			
Plums (California)tons				
Prunes (California)tons				
Raspberries, all1,000 pounds				
Strawberries				
Nuts and miscellaneous				
Almonds, shelled (California)1,000 pounds	2,600,000			
Hazelnuts, in-shell (Oregon)tons				
Macadamias (Hawaii)1,000 pounds				
Pecans, in-shell	271,450			
Pistachios (California)1,000 pounds				
Walnuts, in-shell (California)tons	760,000			

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Production years are 2022-2023 and 2023-2024.

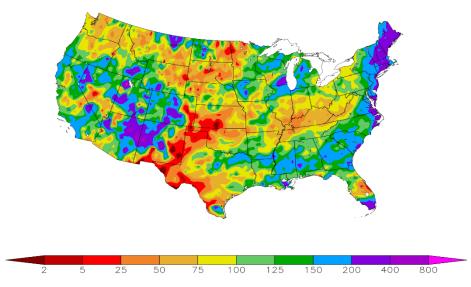
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Crop	Production	
Crop	2023	2024
	(metric tons)	(metric tons)
Citrus 1		
Grapefruit	307,540	320,240
Lemons	994,270	836,420
Oranges	2,311,510	2,479,340
Tangerines and mandarins	875,430	820,100
Noncitrus		
Apples, commercial	4,495,100	
Apricots	29,390	
Avocados	•	
Blueberries, Cultivated		
Blueberries, Wild (Maine)		
Cherries, Sweet	336,570	
Cherries, Tart	92,080	
Coffee (Hawaii)		
Cranberries	345,640	
Dates		
Grapes	5,701,660	
Kiwifruit (California)		
Nectarines (California)		
Olives (California)		
Papayas (Hawaii)	400.000	
Peaches	492,600	
Pears	585,130	
Plums (California)		
Prunes (California)		
Raspberries, all Strawberries		
Strawberries		
Nuts and miscellaneous		
Almonds, shelled (California)	1,179,340	
Hazelnuts, in-shell (Oregon)		
Macadamias (Hawaii)		
Pecans, in-shell	123,130	
Pistachios (California)		
Walnuts, in-shell (California)	689,460	

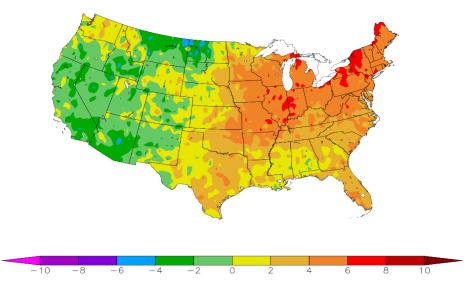
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Production years are 2022-2023 and 2023-2024.

# Percent of Normal Precipitation (%) 3/1/2024 - 3/31/2024



NOAA Regional Climate Centers

Departure from Normal Temperature (F) 3/1/2024 - 3/31/2024



NOAA Regional Climate Centers

#### **March Weather Summary**

The Nation's winter wheat emerged from dormancy mostly in better shape than last autumn, with decreasing drought coverage and a general lack of cold-season extremes favoring the crop. By March 31, fifty-six percent of the Nation's winter wheat was rated in good to excellent condition, up from 50 percent on November 26, 2023. Between late November and the end of March, double-digit increases in good-to-excellent ratings were observed in several winter wheat-production states, including Kansas (from 32 to 48 percent), Oregon (from 37 to 71 percent), Michigan (from 46 to 56 percent), Nebraska (from 49 to 65 percent), and Oklahoma (from 53 to 73 percent). According to statistics derived from the *Drought Monitor*, the percentage of the Nation's winter wheat production area in drought decreased from an autumn 2023 peak of 49 percent to a March minimum of 12 percent.

During the 5-week period from February 27 to April 2, overall drought coverage in the Lower 48 States decreased slightly from 21.59 to 18.01 percent, according to the *Drought Monitor*. Periodic March storminess across the South, Midwest, and West led to decreases in drought coverage, while worsening conditions were noted in a few areas, including portions of the southern High Plains. An area centered on northwestern Oklahoma received minimal moisture during February and March, with short-term drought impacts being exacerbated by periods of warm, windy weather.

In the upper Midwest, late-March storminess dented a "snow drought" that had left soils relatively dry heading into spring. In a 4-day period, 40 to 50 percent of the season-to-date snowfall occurred in parts of Minnesota and Wisconsin. More broadly, March storms helped to replenish soil moisture across large sections of the Plains and Midwest. Still, by March 31, topsoil moisture was rated at least 30 percent very short to short in 13 states across the Rockies, Plains, and Midwest, led by New Mexico (81 percent very short to short) and Iowa (59 percent). As a result, fieldwork advanced with few delays, allowing 21 percent of the oats to be planted in Iowa by March 31, along with 12 percent in Nebraska and 10 percent in South Dakota.

One of the wettest areas during March was the middle and northern Atlantic States. For Atlantic City, New Jersey, it was the wettest March on record, with precipitation totaling 9.85 inches. By March 31, topsoil moisture was rated 100 percent surplus in Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Meanwhile, active March weather in the West padded high-elevation snowpack. According to the California Department of Water Resources, the average water equivalency of the Sierra Nevada snowpack reached 29 inches by April 1, about 110 percent of average. In fact, near- or above-average snowpack was reported by April 1 in nearly all drainage basins along and south of a line from Oregon to western and southern Wyoming. In contrast, snow-water equivalency was mostly 75 percent of average or less in much of Montana, Washington, northern Idaho, and northeastern Wyoming.

General warmth across the eastern half of the country contrasted with mostly near- or below-normal temperatures from the Pacific Coast to the High Plains. Continuing a recent theme, the warmest weather—relative to normal—stretched from the Midwest into the Northeast, with monthly temperatures averaging more than 5°F above normal in many locations. In contrast, monthly readings averaged at least 3°F below normal in parts of northern Montana and western North Dakota, propelled by cold outbreaks in early and late March. The strongest surge of cool air into the Southeast peaked on March 19, with hard freezes (28°F or below) reaching into parts of the Tennessee Valley, including northern Alabama.

### **March Agricultural Summary**

March was warmer than average for most of the eastern half of the Nation. Parts of the Mid-Atlantic, Midwest, and New England recorded temperature 6°F or more above normal. In contrast, most of the western half of the Nation was cooler than normal. Parts of the Northern Plains, Northern Rockies, and Southwest recorded temperatures 4°F or more below normal. During March, much of the western half of the Nation received higher than normal amounts of precipitation. Parts of the Great Basin, Northern Plains, Rockies, and Southwest received at least twice the normal amount of precipitation. Higher than normal amounts of precipitation were also recorded for much of the Mid-Atlantic, Midwest, Northeast, and South. Much of New England, as well as large parts of the Mid-Atlantic Coast and southern Florida, recorded at least twice the normal amount of precipitation.

By March 31, six percent of the Nation's winter wheat crop was headed, 1 percentage point behind last year but 1 percentage point ahead of the 5-year average. On March 31, fifty-six percent of the 2024 winter wheat crop was reported in good to excellent condition, 29 percentage points above last year.

### **Crop Comments**

**Grapefruit:** The United States 2023-2024 grapefruit crop is forecast at 353,000 tons, up 4 percent from the previous forecast and up 4 percent from last season's revised utilization. The California forecast, at 4.10 million boxes (164,000 tons), is up 8 percent from previous forecast but down 5 percent from the last seasons revised total.

**Tangerines and mandarins:** The United States tangerine and mandarin crop is forecast at 904,000 tons, unchanged from the previous forecast but down 6 percent from last season's revised utilization. The California tangerine and mandarin forecast at 22.0 million boxes (880,000 tons) is unchanged from the previous forecast but down 7 percent from last season's revised total.

**Lemons:** The 2023-2024 United States lemon crop is forecast at 922,000 tons, up 10 percent from previous forecast but down 16 percent from last season's revised utilization. The California forecast, at 22.0 million boxes (880,000 tons), is up 10 percent from the previous forecast but down 15 percent from the revised 2022-2023 season.

### **Statistical Methodology**

**Survey procedures:** The orange objective yield survey for the April 1 forecast was conducted in Florida. In August and September of last year, the number of bearing trees and number of fruit per tree is 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 April 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 April 1 forecast.

**Revision policy:** The April 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 August. 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 April 1 production forecasts, the "Root Mean Square Error," a statistical measure based on past performance, is computed. The deviation between the April 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 April 1 orange production forecast is 3.8 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 3.8 percent. Chances are 9 out of 10 (90 percent confidence level) that the difference will not exceed 6.6 percent.

Also, shown in the following table is a 20-year record for oranges of the differences between the April 1 forecast and the final estimate. Changes for oranges between the April 1 forecast and the final estimates during the past 20-years have averaged 154,000 tons, ranging from 0 ton to 502,000 tons. The April 1 forecast for oranges has been below the final estimate 7 times, above 12 times, and equal 1 time. The difference does not imply that the April 1 forecasts this year are likely to understate or overstate final production.

### Reliability of April 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			
	inte		i		Average	Smallest	Largest	Below final	Above final
	(percent)	(percent)	(millions)	(millions)	(millions)	(number)	(number)		
Oranges <sup>1</sup> tons	3.8	6.6	154	0	502	7	12		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Quantity is in thousands of units.

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