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Oranges

Global orange production for 2013/14 is forecast to rise 5 percent from the previous year to 51.8 million metric tons as increases in Brazil, China, and the European Union (EU) more than offset the small drop in the United States. Trade forecasts point to a record level of exports, led and increased available supplies.

United States producers forecast a 5 percent drop to 9.8 million tons, with Florida where 95 percent of the oranges are used for processing or grapefruit. Unfavorable weather early in the season and subsequent freezes caused fruit drop, but expect this year’s drop to be less than last year. California, where most of the oranges are used for the fresh market, production is down 5 percent and as a result of the December freeze, damaged fruit will be sent to be juiced. Exports are forecast down 6 percent on reduced exportable supplies.

Brazil’s production is forecast up 8 percent to 17.8 million tons based on higher yields and favorable weather. Nearly all of the