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HIGHLIGHTS

CITRUS production forecast, at 11.0 million tons (9.96 million metric tons), 19 percent less than last season.

ORANGE production forecast, at 176 million boxes (6.82 million metric tons), 22 percent less than last season. As of first of April, 66 percent of U.S. orange crop harvested.

GRAPEFRUIT production forecast, at 52.5 million boxes (1.93 million metric tons), down 13 percent from last season. As of April 1, 74 percent of crop harvested.

LEMON production, at 22.1 million boxes (762 thousand metric tons), 11 percent below last season. As of April 1, 64 percent of crop harvested.

SPRING POTATOES forecast at 23.0 million cwt (1.04 million metric tons), 26 percent above last year and 12 percent above two years ago.

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UNITED STATES CROP SUMMARY
(DOMESTIC UNITS)
CITRUS FRUITS, PRODUCTION 1/

CROP	1982-83	INDICATED 1983-84	
		MAR 1	APR 1
		1,000 BOXES	
ORANGES	225,080	177,580	176,380
GRAPEFRUIT	60,600		52,500
LEMONS	24,950	23,500	22,100

1/ SEASON BEGINS WITH BLOOM OF THE FIRST YEAR SHOWN AND ENDS WITH THE COMPLETION OF HARVEST THE FOLLOWING YEAR.

SPRING POTATOES

AREA PLANTED		AREA HARVESTED	
1983	INDICATED 1984	1983	INDICATED 1984
1,000 ACRES			
79.9	86.3	77.4	84.6
YIELD PER ACRE		PRODUCTION	
1983	INDICATED 1984	1983	INDICATED 1984
CWT		1,000 CWT	
237	272	18,314	22,989

PASTURE AND RANGE FEED

ITEM	AVERAGE 1973-82	1983	1984
PERCENT			
CONDITION APR 1 1/	75	84	74

1/ 37 STATES.

The CROP PRODUCTION report contains State and National estimates with related information on selected agricultural commodities. These data were prepared and adopted by the Crop Reporting Board which consists of commodity statisticians from the field offices and Washington headquarters.

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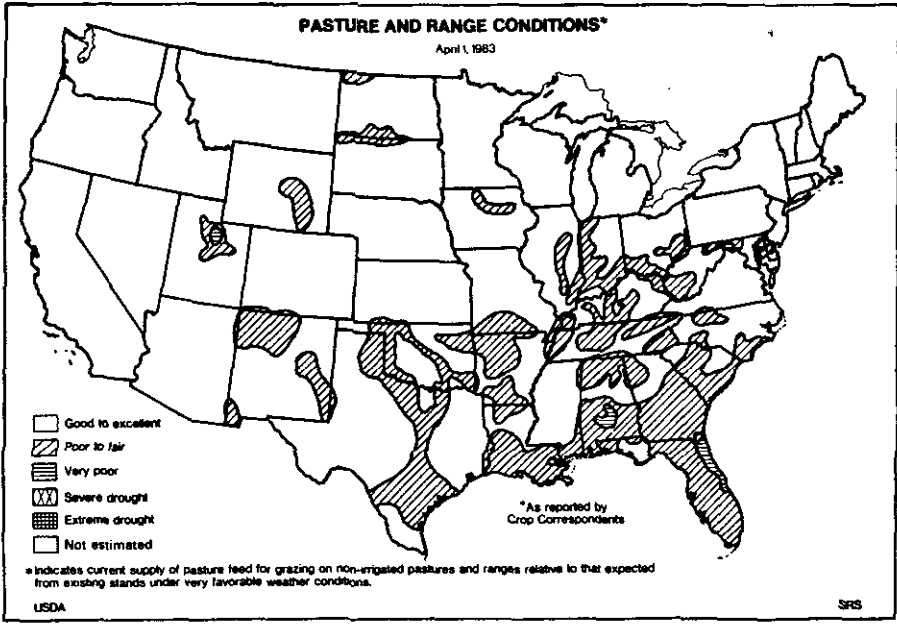
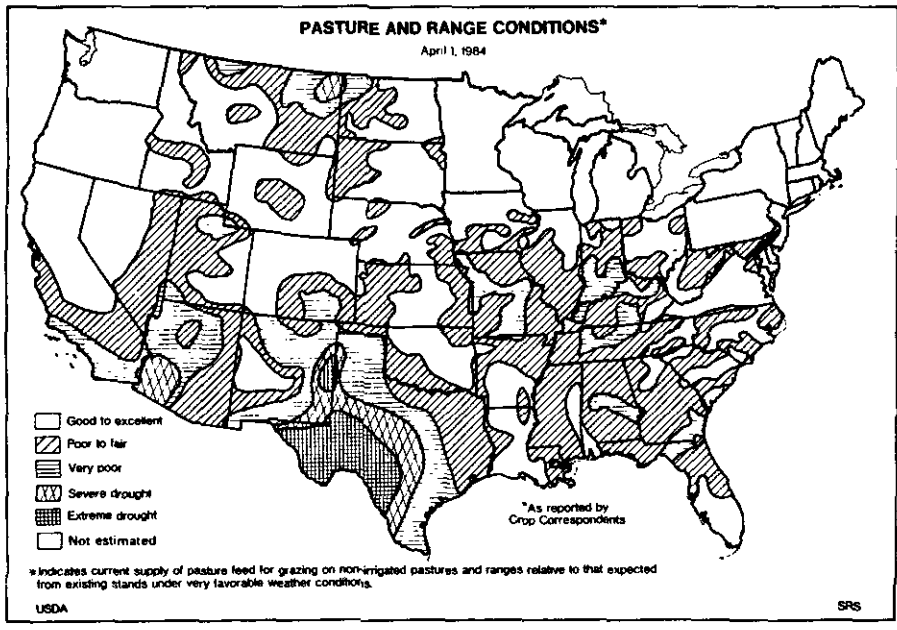
UNITED STATES CROP SUMMARY
(METRIC UNITS)
CITRUS FRUITS, PRODUCTION 1/

CROP	1982-83	INDICATED 1983-84	
		MAR 1	APR 1
METRIC TONS			
ORANGES	8 630 960	6 859 220	6 819 310
GRAPEFRUIT	2 219 880		1 927 770
LEMONS	859 100	810 120	762 040

1/ SEASON BEGINS WITH BLOOM OF THE FIRST YEAR SHOWN AND ENDS WITH THE COMPLETION OF HARVEST THE FOLLOWING YEAR.

SPRING POTATOES

AREA PLANTED		AREA HARVESTED	
1983	INDICATED 1984	1983	INDICATED 1984
HECTARES			
32 330	34 920	31 320	34 240
YIELD PER HECTARE		PRODUCTION	
1983	INDICATED 1984	1983	INDICATED 1984
METRIC TONS			
26.52	30.45	830 700	1 042 760



MARCH WEATHER SUMMARY

A series of Pacific storms spread above normal precipitation through the Pacific Northwest. Heavy snow fell over the central Plateau and through most of the Rocky Mountains. The storms intensified in the central Plains and triggered snow in the central and northern Plains and showers and thunderstorms from Oklahoma and central Texas into the lower Ohio Valley and along the east coast from Georgia to New Jersey. Some of the storms created blizzard conditions as they moved from the Midwest through New England. Late in the month a line of devastating tornadoes swept through an area from northern Georgia to southeastern Virginia. Early in the month a cold outbreak brought temperatures in the mid-twenties to the peach orchards of Georgia and caused minor losses of blooms. Monthly average temperatures were significantly colder than normal from the central Plains through New England, as much as 10 degrees colder in the eastern Corn Belt. The west coast was 4 to 6 degrees warmer than normal.

MARCH FIELDWORK

Rain and wet fields delayed spring fieldwork across much of the Delta States and the Southeast during March. Rain and snow throughout the month increased soil moisture supplies, but limited topdressing of wheat, land preparation, and seeding of small grains from the central Plains through the Corn Belt. Cool temperatures limited potential small grain and pasture growth from the central Plains into the southern Corn Belt for most of the month.

As March began, corn planting was underway from Texas to Georgia, when field conditions permitted. By the end of the month, planting extended northward to southern Virginia; progress was well behind normal across the South, except in Texas and Louisiana. Replanting was necessary in some areas as heavy rains eroded fields late in the month. Emerged plants were in only fair condition across the extreme South due to wet fields. Land preparation was virtually at a standstill in the Corn Belt because of wet conditions throughout the month. Plowing was behind normal at the end of March. Grain sorghum planting was limited to Texas. Growers had seeded 45% of their acreage by the end of the month, compared with 50% average for that date. Cotton planting was widespread in Arizona and moved into central Texas by late March. California cotton planting got underway late in the month. At the end of March, rice seeding was 18% finished in Louisiana, 26% complete in Texas, and just getting started in Mississippi. Tobacco growers actively seeded plant beds and early seedings had emerged in most areas. Transplanting was delayed by continued wet conditions; reaching only 4% completion in South Carolina and 21% in Georgia, by early April. Plants were in fair to good condition. Peaches bloomed from Arkansas to South Carolina and the crop showed no significant weather related damage. Cool, wet conditions confined vegetable planting to the extreme South for much of the month, while harvesting continued active in the major winter producing areas.

WINTER WHEAT

Winter wheat was in fair to good condition in late March, except in western portions of the central and southern Plains and dryland fields in the Southwest where dry conditions last fall and this spring left stands thin and in poor condition. Above-normal winterkill became evident in some areas of the central Plains and the Corn Belt as stands began to grow, but the extent of possible damage farther north was unknown as the crop was just breaking dormancy in many areas as the month ended. By the end of March, wheat was greening as far north as Montana, jointing across the South, and heading on early planted fields in the Southwest. Soil moisture was generally adequate except in west Texas and on dryland stands in the Southwest.

Cool temperatures for much of the month in Kansas impeded wheat growth. Some winterkill was reported on terrace tops. The crop was rated mostly fair to good, except in the northwest where poor conditions prevailed. Light wind, disease, and insect damage was reported in the southwestern and central areas. Nebraska's winter wheat was rated mostly fair to poor with some possible winterkill. The poorest conditions were across the southern third of the State. Cool, wet weather in Oklahoma delayed wheat growth for much of March. Producers actively sprayed to control weed and disease infestations in the North and West. Stands were in mostly good condition by late in the month. Wheat improved throughout the month in most areas of Texas. However, dryland wheat remained stressed on the Plains where soil moisture was critical for most of the month. At the end of March, wheat was heading from the Blacklands through central and south Texas. The crop was rated mostly fair to good. In Montana, wheat was rated mostly good, with adequate soil moisture. Stands began greening as the month ended. Rain and wet field conditions delayed topdressing of wheat across the Corn Belt and in the Delta States and Southeast for most of the month.

ORANGES: United States all orange crop forecast at 176 million boxes (6.82 million metric tons) for 1983-84 season, 1 percent less than March 1 forecast, 22 percent below 1982-83 season. Florida crop forecast 119 million boxes, 15 percent less than last season. Production early and mid-season oranges in Florida - 69.7 million boxes -- fractionally higher than last month. Harvest is complete. Florida Valencia forecast continues at 49.0 million boxes, 29 percent less than 1982-83. Harvest 35 percent complete. California Navel forecast 34.0 million boxes, 3 percent higher than March 1, 15 percent less than 1982-83. As of April 1, 77 percent of California's Navel crop harvested. California's Valencia forecast 19.0 million boxes, 10 percent less than last month, 47 percent below 1982-83.

Arizona crop expected 2.45 million boxes, down 14 percent from last month, 36 percent less than last season. Arizona harvest 37 percent complete.

Changes in U.S. orange production between April 1 forecast and final production averaged 5.43 million boxes over past ten seasons, ranging from low of 190 thousand boxes in 1974-75 to high of 12.6 million boxes in 1976-77 season.

FLORIDA FROZEN CONCENTRATED JUICE YIELD: Forecast 1983-84 Florida FCOJ yield is now 1.26 gallons per box at 42.0 degrees Brix equivalent. The yield forecast is an estimate of the season average which will be reported at end of the season by the Florida Citrus Processor's Association. The FCOJ yield projection last month was 1.25 gallons per box. Final season average was 1.48305 gallons per box for 1982-83 and 1.27730 gallons per box for 1981-82 at 42.0 degrees Brix equivalent.

CITRUS HARVEST AND UTILIZATION: By April 1, 116 million boxes of oranges harvested -- 66 percent of U.S. crop, compared with 109 million boxes or 48 percent on April 1, 1983. Processors had used 75 percent of the oranges harvested by April 1, 1984, compared with 72 percent used to April 1 a year earlier.

Grapefruit harvest 74 percent complete by April 1 compared with 73 percent on same date last year. Processors had used 55 percent of total crop harvested by April 1, 1984, compared with 49 percent a year earlier.

Lemon harvest at first of month 64 percent complete compared with 61 percent for same period last season. Processors have utilized 50 percent of crop compared with 53 percent by April 1 last year.

CITRUS CROP - HARVEST AND UTILIZATION TO APRIL 1

CROP	1982-83				1983-84			
	UTILIZATION				UTILIZATION			
	FRESH	PROCESSED	TOTAL	REMAINING FOR HARVEST	FRESH	PROCESSED	TOTAL	REMAINING FOR HARVEST
ORANGES	30,211	78,748	108,959	116,121	28,546	87,748	116,294	60,086
GRAPEFRUIT	22,334	21,782	44,116	16,484	17,321	21,366	38,687	13,813
LEMONS	7,106	8,105	15,211	9,739	7,165	7,060	14,225	7,875

GRAPEFRUIT: The 1983-84 U.S. crop, forecast at 52.5 million boxes (1.93 million metric tons), down 13 percent from last season. Florida's forecast at 39.5 million boxes, up 4 percent from March 1, fractionally higher than last season. California "Desert Valley" grapefruit forecast continues at 4.20 million boxes, 2 percent above 1982-83. The first forecast for California "Other Areas" grapefruit is 3.20 million boxes, the same as 1982-83 crop. Arizona's forecast remains 2.40 million boxes, 11 percent below last season.

Picking in Florida 86 percent complete compared with 85 percent same date last year. Harvest in Arizona 29 percent complete, California 13 percent by April 1, and Texas harvest, due to Christmas freeze, was finished by March 1.

LEMONS: Forecast in Arizona and California, 22.1 million boxes (762 thousand metric tons), down 6 percent from last month, 11 percent less than last season. California's forecast, at 18.0 million boxes, down 5 percent from last month, 10 percent below 1982-83. Forecast in Arizona for crop to be utilized, down 9 percent from last month to 4.10 million boxes, 19 percent less than last season. Harvest about 91 percent complete in Arizona, 58 percent in California.

TANGERINES: U.S. crop forecast 4.85 million boxes (183 thousand metric tons), unchanged from last month, 8 percent less than 1982-83. Harvest is nearly complete in all States.

TEMPLES: Florida forecast 2.90 million boxes (119 thousand metric tons), up 7 percent from March 1, 38 percent below last season's crop. Harvest about 98 percent complete.

FLORIDA GENERAL CITRUS: Citrus groves good condition during most of March despite some adverse weather. Morning of March 1 and 2, there were some below freezing temperatures reported in many citrus growing counties. Cold temperatures were generally of short duration and caused very little damage. Several hard rains provided adequate moisture during March. Citrus trees not seriously damaged by Christmas freezes generally went through their bloom cycle during March. By end of month, most trees experienced petal drop and only a few trees were still blooming. This year's bloom cycle three weeks ahead of normal. Early and mid-season oranges not freeze damaged that held their quality, were harvested in light volume during March. This excellent holding fruit was virtually all picked by the end of March. Grapefruit movement very active during the month with the additional available labor from the orange harvesting crews. Light Valencia orange harvest continues.

PAPAYAS: Hawaii fresh papaya production in April is forecast at 5.50 million pounds (2490 metric tons), a 4 percent drop from March, but more than twice the output of last April which was reduced by drought and hurricane damage. Production is expected to decline steadily in May, June and July to 5.10, 4.70 and 4.60 million pounds, (2310, 2130, and 2090 metric tons), respectively.

March fresh production is estimated at 5.70 million pounds (2590 metric tons), an increase of 21 percent from the previous month and 159 percent above output of a year ago. The 1984 first quarter totals 15.1 million pounds (6830 metric tons), 75 percent above the same period last year. Total crop area in March, at 3670 acres (1490 hectares), increased fractionally from February. Harvested area totaled 2445 acres (990 hectares), a 2 percent increase from February and 20 percent above last year.

POTATOES: Spring potatoes forecast at 23.0 million cwt (1.04 million metric tons), 26 percent above last year and 12 percent above two years ago. Area for harvest estimated at 84.6 thousand acres (34.2 thousand hectares), up 9 percent from last year and 4 percent above March 1. Average yield forecast at 272 cwt per acre would be a record high, topping the previous record set in 1981 by 6 cwt. The 1983 and 1982 yields averaged 237 and 264 cwt per acre, respectively.

California production forecast 11.1 million cwt, one-third above last year and best overall outlook in several years. Growing conditions excellent, potatoes sizing well with above average tuber counts. Some harvest to begin in April with peak in early May.

Florida production forecast 6.24 million cwt, 27 percent above last year. In Hastings area potatoes good to excellent, crop progress very good with harvest to start the last half of April. Yield prospect at record level. Harvest already started in other Florida areas, will be active by mid-April. Production outlook above average.

Planting in North Carolina slowed by wet fields, 75 percent completed by April 1. Conditions place yield a little above average. Texas harvest should begin on time, with good development to date. Soil beginning to dry out Rio Grande Valley and San Antonio-Winter Garden areas. Arizona harvest to begin early May. Acreage for harvest higher than earlier anticipated.

Summer potato production for 1983 finalized at 17.6 million cwt (799 thousand metric tons), down 18 percent from 1982 and the smallest crop since 1980. Harvested area totaled 94.9 thousand acres (38.4 thousand hectares), down 2 percent from 1982 and virtually the same as 1981. The average yield in 1983 fell to 186 cwt per acre compared with 221 cwt the previous year and 211 in 1981.

PASTURE AND RANGE FEED CONDITION: As of April 1, conditions in 37 estimating States averaged 74 percent, 10 points below last year and 1 point below the 1973-82 average. Conditions were lower than last year in all States, except Louisiana, which was higher, and Florida and Ohio where conditions was the same as a year ago.

Moisture conditions, although quite variable, are generally adequate with the exception of New Mexico and Texas where dry, windy weather in March depleted soil of much needed moisture. The temperatures during March were below normal in many areas of the country, consequently the pasture growth was delayed. Warm weather is needed to encourage plant growth.

CITRUS FRUIT 1/

CROP	PRODUCTION BOXES			PRODUCTION TON EQUIVALENT		
	AND	UTILIZED	INDICATED	UTILIZED	INDICATED	
STATE	1981-82	1982-83	1983-84	1981-82	1982-83	1983-84
	1,000 UNITS 2/			1,000 UNITS		
ORANGES, EARLY MID & NAVEL 3/						
ARIZ	900	1,050	550	34	39	21
CALIF	26,500	40,200	34,000	994	1,508	1,275
FLA	74,000	70,200	69,700	3,330	3,159	3,137
TEX 4/	3,610	3,590	2,200	153	152	94
U S	105,010	115,040	106,450	4,511	4,858	4,527
ORANGES, VALENCIA						
ARIZ	2,150	2,750	1,900	81	103	71
CALIF	15,400	35,900	19,000	578	1,346	713
FLA	51,800	69,300	49,000	2,331	3,118	2,205
TEX 4/	2,330	2,090	30	99	89	1
U S	71,680	110,040	69,930	3,089	4,656	2,990
ALL ORANGES						
ARIZ	3,050	3,800	2,450	115	142	92
CALIF	41,900	76,100	53,000	1,572	2,854	1,988
FLA	125,800	139,500	118,700	5,661	6,277	5,342
TEX 4/	5,940	5,680	2,230	252	241	95
U S	176,690	225,080	176,380	7,600	9,514	7,517
TEMPLES						
FLA	3,200	4,700	2,900	144	211	131
GRAPEFRUIT, WHITE SEEDLESS						
FLA	27,300	21,800	22,000	1,160	926	935
GRAPEFRUIT, PINK SEEDLESS						
FLA	14,800	12,800	13,000	629	544	553
OTHER GRAPEFRUIT						
FLA	6,000	4,800	4,500	255	204	191
ALL GRAPEFRUIT						
ARIZ	2,400	2,700	2,400	77	87	77
CALIF						
DESERT	3,400	4,100	4,200	109	131	134
OTHER AREAS	2,600	3,200	3,200	87	107	107
TOTAL	6,000	7,300	7,400	196	238	241
FLA	48,100	39,400	39,500	2,044	1,674	1,679
TEX 4/	13,900	11,200	3,200	556	448	128
U S	70,400	60,600	52,500	2,873	2,447	2,125
TANGERINES						
ARIZ	750	880	950	28	33	36
CALIF	1,730	2,120	1,900	65	80	71
FLA 4/	2,500	2,250	2,000	119	107	95
U S	4,980	5,250	4,850	212	220	202
LEMONS						
ARIZ	6,300	5,050	4,100	239	191	156
CALIF	18,500	19,900	18,000	703	756	684
U S	24,800	24,950	22,100	942	947	840
TANGELOS						
FLA 4/	5,100	3,800	3,700	229	171	167

1/ THE CROP YEAR BEGINS WITH THE BLOOM OF THE FIRST YEAR SHOWN AND ENDS WITH YEAR HARVEST IS COMPLETED.

2/ NET LBS PER BOX: ORANGES-CALIF & ARIZ-75, FLA-90, TEX-85; GRAPEFRUIT-CALIF DESERT & ARIZ-64, CALIF OTHER-67, FLA-85, TEX-80; LEMONS-76; TANGELOS & TEMPLES-90; TANGERINES- CALIF & ARIZ-75, FLA-95.

3/ NAVEL AND MISCELLANEOUS VARIETIES IN CALIFORNIA AND ARIZONA. EARLY AND MIDSEASON VARIETIES IN FLORIDA AND TEXAS, INCLUDING SMALL QUANTITIES OF TANGERINES IN TEXAS.

4/ ESTIMATES FOR CURRENT YEAR CARRIED FORWARD FROM EARLIER FORECAST.

POTATOES

SEASONAL GROUP AND STATE	AREA				YIELD		PRODUCTION		
	PLANTED		HARVESTED						
	1983	IND 1984	1983	IND 1984	1983	IND 1984	1982	1983	IND 1984
	1,000 ACRES				CWT		1,000 CWT		
SPRING									
ALA	4.5	4.7	4.1	4.6	125	135	714	513	621
ARIZ	4.9	5.4	4.9	5.4	260	265	1,434	1,274	1,431
CALIF	25.5	28.5	24.5	28.5	340	390	9,563	8,330	11,115
FLA									
HASTINGS	22.5	25.0	22.0	24.0	215	250	5,160	4,730	6,000
OTHER	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.1	155	220	252	186	242
LA	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.0	50	70	88	50	70
N C	14.0	14.0	13.8	13.8	155	160	2,208	2,139	2,208
TEX	6.1	6.4	5.9	6.2	185	210	1,140	1,092	1,302
TOTAL	79.9	86.3	77.4	84.6	237	272	20,559	18,314	22,989
SUMMER 1/									
ALA	9.5		9.3		110		1,290	1,023	
CALIF	8.0		8.0		320		3,066	2,560	
COLO	6.5		6.3		275		1,664	1,733	
DEL	5.4		5.4		185		1,566	999	
ILL	2.4		2.3		240		583	552	
IND	1.8		1.5		125		418	188	
IOWA	1.7		1.6		110		308	176	
MD	1.6		1.6		190		328	304	
MICH	8.2		8.0		175		1,560	1,400	
MINN	5.2		5.1		260		1,881	1,326	
NEBR	1.1		1.0		210		160	210	
N J	8.2		7.9		190		2,054	1,501	
N MEX	5.7		5.7		285		1,274	1,625	
N C	4.0		3.9		100		449	390	
OHIO	1.3		1.2		175		300	210	
TENN	2.5		2.5		70		257	175	
TEX	9.4		9.3		240		2,088	2,232	
VA	16.5		14.3		70		2,228	1,001	
TOTAL	99.0		94.9		186		21,474	17,605	

1/ 1983 REVISED.

PAPAYAS - HAWAII

MONTH	AREA				FRESH PRODUCTION		
	TOTAL IN CROP		HARVESTED		1983	1984	FORECAST 1984
	1983	1984	1983	1984			
ACRES				1,000 POUNDS			
FEB	3,060	3,660	2,045	2,405	2,821	4,700	
MAR	3,110	3,670	2,030	2,445	2,200	5,700	
APR	3,065		2,095		2,516		5,500
MAY	3,150		2,087		4,784		5,100
JUN	3,180		2,070		4,690		4,700
JUL	3,300		2,095		4,448		4,600
CUMULATIVE FRESH PRODUCTION JAN-MAR					8,584	15,060	

PASTURE AND RANGE FEED CONDITION 1/

STATE	AVERAGE 1973-82	1983	1984	STATE	AVERAGE 1973-82	1983	1984
PERCENT				PERCENT			
ALA	73	73	70	NEV	85	92	88
ARIZ	80	97	61	N J	81	90	80
ARK	79	81	77	N MEX	69	83	59
CALIF	82	94	84	N C	81	82	78
COLO	71	86	78	N DAK	66	88	80
DEL	79	84	76	OHIO	80	82	82
FLA	76	71	71	OKLA	73	81	79
GA	77	75	74	OREG	88	96	93
IDAHO	86	95	86	S C	77	79	75
ILL	80	84	70	S DAK	66	89	82
IND	80	80	66	TENN	77	78	68
IOWA	82	87	83	TEX	65	79	56
KANS	78	90	79	UTAH	79	88	75
KY	81	82	67	VA	84	88	84
LA	76	73	78	WASH	85	96	93
MD	76	81	70	W VA	76	79	71
MISS	75	80	72	WYO	79	87	84
MO	76	82	63				
MONT	77	89	74	37 STATES:	75	84	74
NEBR	76	90	87				

1/ GOOD TO EXCELLENT, 80 AND OVER; POOR TO FAIR 65-79; VERY POOR, 50-64; SEVERE DROUGHT, 35-49; EXTREME DROUGHT, UNDER 35.

PEANUTS

STATE	AREA PLANTED		AREA HARVESTED	
	1982	1983	1982	1983
	1,000 ACRES			
ALA	179.0	182.0	177.0	180.0
FLA	59.0	69.0	51.0	60.0
GA	475.0	567.0	472.0	562.0
N MEX	10.4	11.0	10.4	11.0
N C	150.0	150.0	147.0	147.0
OKLA	88.0	93.0	86.0	91.0
S C	12.0	13.0	12.0	12.5
TEX	240.0	230.0	225.0	215.0
VA	96.0	96.0	95.0	95.0
U S	1,309.4	1,411.0	1,275.4	1,373.5
	YIELD		PRODUCTION	
	1982	1983	1982	1983
	POUNDS		1,000 POUNDS	
ALA	2,950	2,525	522,150	454,500
FLA	3,000	2,780	153,000	166,800
GA	3,215	2,790	1,517,480	1,567,980
N MEX	2,425	2,330	25,220	25,630
N C	2,825	2,165	415,275	318,255
OKLA	2,030	1,940	174,580	176,540
S C	2,500	2,000	30,000	25,000
TEX	1,445	1,685	325,125	362,275
VA	2,900	2,090	275,500	198,550
U S	2,696	2,399	3,438,330	3,295,530
	PRICE PER POUND		VALUE OF PRODUCTION	
	1982	1983	1982	1983
	CENTS		DOLLARS	
ALA	24.7	24.0	128,971	109,080
FLA	24.0	24.4	36,720	40,699
GA	24.6	23.1	373,300	362,203
N MEX	30.2	29.2	7,616	7,484
N C	27.1	24.7	112,540	78,609
OKLA	23.4	26.3	40,852	46,430
S C	27.1	25.0	8,130	6,250
TEX	25.6	24.6	83,232	89,120
VA	25.7	26.7	70,804	53,013
U S	25.1	24.1	862,165	792,888

PEANUTS: The 1983 peanut crop totaled 3.30 billion pounds (1.49 million metric tons), 4 percent below 1982 and 17 percent below the record high 3.98 billion pounds (1.81 million metric tons) produced in 1981. The decline in production from 1982 was caused by a reduction in acreage in the Southwest and lower average yields in the Southeast and in the Virginia-North Carolina area. Growers planted 1.41 million acres (571 thousand hectares) in 1983 and 1.37 million acres (556 thousand hectares) were harvested. This represents an increase of 8 percent in both planted and harvested acres from 1982. Yields averaged 2399 pounds per acre, compared with 2696 pounds in 1982.

Production in the Southeast (Alabama, Florida, Georgia and South Carolina) totaled 2.21 billion pounds, compared with 2.22 billion pounds produced in 1982. Increased acres harvested was not enough to offset the decline in average yields. Growers harvested 815 thousand acres, 14 percent above the previous year. Yield per acre, at 2719 pounds, was 403 pounds below 1982. For all States, yield per acre was down from 1982, but acres planted and harvested were up.

Virginia and North Carolina output totaled 517 million pounds, 25 percent below 1982. Growers planted and harvested 246 and 242 thousand acres, respectively, the same as in 1982. The average yield per acre, at 2136 pounds, dropped 718 pounds. Yield and production were down in both States.

Southwestern growers (New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas) produced 564 million pounds during 1983 compared with 525 million pounds in 1982. The increased production resulted from more acreage in New Mexico and Oklahoma and better yields in Texas. Area harvested totaled 317 thousand acres, 4.4 thousand acres below the previous year. Average yield per acre was up 148 pounds from 1982.

FARM MARKETINGS OF PEANUTS FOR NUTS, BY STATES, 1983 CROP YEAR,
PERCENT BY MONTHS

STATE	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN
ALA	15	70	14	1	
FLA	30	60	9	1	
GA	14	71	13	1	1
N MEX		14	67	12	7
N C		27	55	14	4
OKLA		16	54	27	3
S C	8	56	20	8	8
TEX	9	24	44	18	5
VA		27	50	13	10
U S	11	55	25	7	2



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