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HIGHLIGHTS

CITRUS production is forecast at 12.6 million tons (11.5 million metric tons), 6 percent more than last season.

ORANGE production is forecast at 199 million boxes (7.75 million metric tons), 9 percent more than last season. As of April 1, 55 percent of the U.S. orange crop was harvested.

GRAPEFRUIT production is forecast at 66.4 million boxes (2.45 million metric tons), up 5 percent from last season. As of April 1, 73 percent of the crop was harvested.

LEMON production is forecast at 22.5 million boxes (776 thousand metric tons), down 21 percent from last season. As of April 1, 60 percent of the crop had been harvested.

SPRING POTATO production is forecast at 21.4 million cwt (971 thousand metric tons), up 21 percent from last year and 8 percent above two years ago.

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

CROP	1986-87	INDICATED 1987-88	
		MAR 1	APR 1
	1,000 BOXES		
ORANGES	182,225	199,600	199,390
GRAPEFRUIT	63,025		66,400
LEMONS	28,600		22,500

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	
1987	INDICATED 1988	1987	INDICATED 1988
1,000 ACRES			
82.5	81.1	80.7	80.0

YIELD PER ACRE		PRODUCTION	
1987	INDICATED 1988	1987	INDICATED 1988
CWT		1,000 CWT	
220	267	17,724	21,398

The CROP PRODUCTION report contains State and National estimates with related information on selected agricultural commodities. These data were prepared and adopted by the Agricultural Statistics 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	1986-87	INDICATED 1987-88	
		MAR 1	APR 1
	METRIC TONS		
ORANGES	7,018,890	7,750,080	7,747,360
GRAPEFRUIT	2,323,300		2,454,840
LEMONS	986,110		775,640

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	
1987	INDICATED 1988	1987	INDICATED 1988
HECTARES			
33,390	32,820	32,660	32,380

YIELD PER HECTARE		PRODUCTION	
1987	INDICATED 1988	1987	INDICATED 1988
METRIC TONS			
24.62	29.97	803,940	970,590

CITRUS FRUIT 1/

CROP AND STATE	PRODUCTION BOXES			PRODUCTION TON EQUIVALENT		
	UTILIZED		INDICATED	UTILIZED		INDICATED
	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88
	1,000 UNITS 2/			1,000 UNITS		
ORANGES,EARLY MID & NAVEL 3/:						
ARIZ	600	950	600	23	36	23
CALIF	33,000	34,500	31,000	1,238	1,294	1,163
FLA	64,200	65,800	78,600	2,889	2,961	3,537
TEX	200	500	940	9	22	40
U S	98,000	101,750	111,140	4,159	4,313	4,763
ORANGES, VALENCIA						
ARIZ	1,700	2,200	1,700	64	83	64
CALIF	20,900	24,000	24,000	784	900	900
FLA	55,000	53,900	62,000	2,475	2,425	2,790
TEX	110	375	550	5	16	23
U S	77,710	80,475	88,250	3,328	3,424	3,777
ALL ORANGES						
ARIZ	2,300	3,150	2,300	87	119	87
CALIF	53,900	58,500	55,000	2,022	2,194	2,063
FLA	119,200	119,700	140,600	5,364	5,386	6,327
TEX	310	875	1,490	14	38	63
U S	175,710	182,225	199,390	7,487	7,737	8,540
TEMPLES						
FLA	2,950	3,400	3,600	133	153	162
GRAPEFRUIT,WHITE SEEDLESS						
FLA	25,600	26,900	28,500	1,088	1,143	1,211
GRAPEFRUIT, COLORED SEEDLESS						
FLA	18,000	20,000	20,500	765	850	871
SEEDY GRAPEFRUIT						
FLA	3,150	2,900	3,000	134	123	128
ALL GRAPEFRUIT						
ARIZ	2,400	2,200	1,900	77	70	61
CALIF						
DESERT	3,600	4,200	4,200	115	134	134
OTHER AREAS	4,500	4,900	4,700	151	164	157
TOTAL	8,100	9,100	8,900	266	298	291
FLA	46,750	49,800	52,000	1,987	2,116	2,210
TEX	220	1,925	3,600	9	77	144
U S	57,470	63,025	66,400	2,339	2,561	2,706
TANGERINES						
ARIZ	700	700	450	26	26	17
CALIF	1,800	2,230	1,500	68	83	56
FLA 4/:	1,950	2,340	2,400	93	111	114
U S 4/:	4,450	5,270	4,350	187	220	187
LEMONS						
ARIZ	3,250	7,100	4,000	123	270	152
CALIF	15,100	21,500	18,500	574	817	703
U S	18,350	28,600	22,500	697	1,087	855
TANGELOS						
FLA	2,950	4,000	4,250	133	180	191

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/ FLA "ALL TANGERINES" INCLUDE HONEY TANGERINES BEGINNING WITH 1987-88 SEASONS. ESTIMATES FOR PREVIOUS SEASONS ARE REVISED TO INCLUDE THE HONEY VARIETY.

POTATOES

SEASONAL GROUP AND STATE	AREA PLANTED 1987	AREA PLANTED IND 1988	AREA HARVESTED 1987	AREA HARVESTED IND 1988	YIELD 1987	YIELD IND 1988	PRODUCTION 1986	PRODUCTION 1987	PRODUCTION IND 1988
	1,000 ACRES				CWT		1,000 CWT		
SPRING									
ALA	5.0	4.2	4.9	4.1	125	150	682	613	615
ARIZ	4.9	5.3	4.9	5.3	275	270	1,298	1,348	1,431
CALIF	21.3	20.6	21.3	20.6	370	415	7,605	7,881	8,549
FLA									
HASTINGS	27.0	27.0	26.5	26.5	170	260	6,860	4,505	6,890
OTHER	2.2	2.6	2.1	2.5	190	190	171	399	475
LA	.5	.5	.3	.4	60	70	35	18	28
N C	14.6	14.5	14.5	14.4	140	155	2,055	2,030	2,232
TEX	7.0	6.4	6.2	6.2	150	190	1,116	930	1,178
TOTAL	82.5	81.1	80.7	80.0	220	267	19,822	17,724	21,398
SUMMER 1/									
ALA	7.2		7.0		155		986	1,085	
CALIF	6.6		6.4		345		2,482	2,208	
COLO	6.5		6.3		295		2,070	1,859	
DEL	8.0		8.0		210		1,311	1,680	
ILL	3.1		2.8		260		783	728	
IOWA	2.0		2.0		180		332	360	
MD	2.5		2.5		200		272	500	
MICH	10.0		9.8		200		1,679	1,960	
MINN	6.5		6.4		300		1,643	1,920	
NEBR	2.7		2.6		310		605	806	
N J	7.5		7.4		190		1,944	1,406	
N MEX	10.5		10.0		350		2,790	3,500	
N C	2.0		1.9		130		209	247	
TENN	1.8		1.8		80		234	144	
TEX	11.5		11.0		220		2,475	2,420	
VA	14.5		14.1		140		1,112	1,974	
TOTAL	102.9		100.0		228		20,927	22,797	

1/ 1987 REVISED.

PAPAYAS - HAWAII

MONTH	AREA				FRESH PRODUCTION		
	TOTAL IN CROP		HARVESTED		1987	1988	FORECAST
	1987	1988	1987	1988			1988
	ACRES				1,000 POUNDS		
FEB	3,940	4,075	2,395	2,285	3,665	2,930	
MAR	3,965	4,075	2,400	2,245	3,465	3,150	
APR	3,995		2,330		4,125		4,300
MAY	3,950		2,310		4,175		5,700
JUN	3,910		2,300		4,525		6,700
JUL	3,965		2,330		4,785		7,000
CUMULATIVE FRESH PRODUCTION JAN-MAR					11,130	10,090	

FARM MARKETINGS OF PEANUTS FOR NUTS, BY STATES, 1987 CROP YEAR, PERCENT BY MONTHS

STATE	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN
ALA		32.5	60.6	6.4	.5	
FLA		37.6	34.6	27.8		
GA		32.8	56.8	9.6	.8	
N C		1.5	62.6	22.9	11.4	1.6
OKLA		2.4	37.1	55.7	4.8	
TEX	.4	3.3	24.8	48.3	20.4	2.8
VA		.2	40.9	34.0	17.6	7.3
U S	.1	18.4	48.1	25.1	7.0	1.3

PEANUTS

STATE	AREA PLANTED		AREA HARVESTED	
	1986	1987	1986	1987
	1,000 ACRES			
ALA	220.0	221.0	219.0	220.0
FLA	94.0	91.0	87.0	83.0
GA	675.0	635.0	665.0	630.0
N MEX	12.7	12.4	12.7	12.4
N C	145.0	150.0	143.0	148.0
OKLA	100.0	100.0	90.0	98.0
S C	12.0	13.0	11.5	13.0
TEX	225.0	254.0	220.0	252.0
VA	89.0	91.0	89.0	90.0
U S	1,572.7	1,567.4	1,537.2	1,546.4

	YIELD		PRODUCTION	
	1986	1987	1986	1987
	POUNDS		1,000 POUNDS	
ALA	2,260	2,115	494,940	465,300
FLA	2,680	2,600	233,160	215,800
GA	2,455	2,500	1,632,575	1,575,000
N MEX	2,260	2,700	28,700	33,480
N C	3,080	2,650	440,440	392,200
OKLA	2,050	2,270	184,500	222,460
S C	2,220	2,400	25,530	31,200
TEX	1,750	1,750	385,000	441,000
VA	3,100	2,700	275,900	243,000
U S	2,407	2,341	3,700,745	3,619,440

	PRICE PER POUND		VALUE OF PRODUCTION	
	1986	1987	1986	1987
	CENTS		1,000 DOLLARS	
ALA	26.5	29.0	131,159	134,937
FLA	25.0	27.0	58,290	58,266
GA	29.1	28.8	475,079	453,600
N MEX	36.5	31.0	10,476	10,379
N C	29.8	28.6	131,251	112,169
OKLA	33.0	25.8	60,885	57,395
S C	29.7	30.7	7,582	9,578
TEX	29.6	27.0	113,960	119,070
VA	31.1	24.8	85,805	60,264
U S	29.2	27.7	1,074,487	1,015,658

MARCH WEATHER SUMMARY

On the average, most of the Nation experienced above-normal temperatures. The northern Plains had the largest positive temperature anomalies--all the more remarkable because this winter of 1987-88 (December through March) was the third in a row with such anomalies in this region. The deep South had near-normal or slightly below-normal temperatures. The dryness in the West continued, but it was more extreme in the Southwest, while less extreme in the Northwest. The most significant areas of wetness were in Oklahoma, east Texas, southern Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, and northern Florida. (Prepared by the Joint USDA/NOAA Agricultural Weather Facility.)

MARCH FIELDWORK

Rain and snow limited fieldwork to mostly spreading fertilizer in the Central and Northern Great Plains, Rocky Mountain, and Corn Belt States during most of March. Rain periodically slowed fieldwork in the Delta and Southeast. Dry soils accelerated land preparation and seeding Arizona and California.

Cotton planting was underway at the beginning of March in Arizona and Texas. Planting progressed rapidly, ending the month 35 percent finished in Arizona. Texas seedings were 10 percent finished compared with 7 percent normally. Planting began in California around midmonth and progressed well the rest of March. March started with corn planting underway in Arizona, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas. Planting was just beginning in Georgia, Louisiana, and Mississippi but was 22 finished in Texas. By the end of the month planting had moved as far North as Kansas and Missouri. Planting spread across the Southeast as the month progressed but lagged behind normal in most States. North Carolina's acreage was 17 percent seeded on April 3, compared with 22 percent normally. Georgia's seeding trailed 9 points behind normal at 34 percent completion. Seeding was 12 points ahead of normal in Alabama. Sorghum seeding was restricted to Texas with 49 percent of the acreage planted. Planting started in Alabama as the month drew to a close. Wet weather slowed rice planting in Louisiana and Texas. By the end of March, seeding was 15 points behind normal in Louisiana and 4 points behind normal in Texas. Tobacco transplanting was underway by midmonth in Georgia and Florida. Tobacco bed preparation and seeding was active from Virginia to Tennessee.

WINTER WHEAT

Winter wheat was mostly good to fair during March except in the northern and central Great Plains where condition ranged from poor to good. Temperatures were mostly above normal during March but intermittent periods of snow and cold temperatures kept wheat from getting off to a fast start throughout the eastern half of the Nation. The snow provided much needed moisture but wheat suffered from inadequate moisture in some areas of the northern and central Great Plains. By midmonth, greening was underway as far north as Montana. Jointing was underway in Oklahoma, Arizona, and California. Wheat began heading in California and Arizona shortly after midmonth. Before the month ended, wheat heading was underway in Alabama, South Carolina, Louisiana, and Texas. Kansas' wheat suffered disease and insect problems during the month.

ORANGES: The U.S. all orange crop is forecast at 199 million boxes (7.75 million metric tons) for the 1987-88 season, virtually unchanged from the March 1 forecast, but 9 percent above the 1986-87 season. The Florida all orange forecast is nearly 141 million boxes, virtually unchanged from last month, but 17 percent more than last season. Production for early and mid-season oranges in Florida, at 78.6 million boxes, is 1 percent more than last month. Harvest is virtually complete. The Florida Valencia forecast, at 62.0 million boxes, remains unchanged from last month, but is 15 percent higher than the 1986-87 season. The Valencia harvest in Florida is 5 percent complete. The forecast for California Navels, at 31.0 million boxes, is unchanged from March 1, but 10 percent less than 1986-87. As of April 1, 79 percent of California's Navel crop had been harvested. California's Valencia forecast is 24.0 million boxes, unchanged from both last month and the 1986-87 crop year. Harvest is just beginning.

The Arizona all orange crop is expected to be 2.30 million boxes, down 25 percent from the January 1 forecast and 27 percent lower than last season. Arizona's harvest is 48 percent complete. The all orange estimate for Texas as of April 1 is 1.49 million boxes, down 4 percent from the March 1 forecast, but 70 percent above last season. Harvest in Texas is 92 percent complete.

The changes in U.S. all orange production between the April 1 forecast and final production averaged 4.83 million boxes over the past ten seasons, ranging from a low of 200 thousand boxes in 1984-85 to a high of 12.3 million boxes in the 1981-82 freeze damaged season.

FLORIDA FROZEN CONCENTRATED JUICE YIELD: The 1987-88 Florida all orange frozen concentrate juice yield forecast has been increased to 1.54 gallons per box of 42.0 degrees Brix equivalent, up from last month's projection of 1.53 gallons per box. This increase is due to the continued gains in both Brix and pounds of unfinished juice per box.

CITRUS HARVEST AND UTILIZATION: By April 1, 109 million boxes of oranges were harvested or 55 percent of the U.S. crop, compared with 98 million boxes or 54 percent on April 1, 1987. Processors had used 73 percent of the oranges harvested by April 1, 1988 compared with 71 percent used to April 1 a year earlier.

Grapefruit harvest was 73 percent complete by April 1 compared with 74 percent on the same date last year. Processors had used 55 percent of the total crop harvested by April 1, 1988, compared with 58 percent a year earlier.

Lemon harvest on April 1 was 60 percent complete compared with 68 percent from the same date last season. Processors have utilized 47 percent of the crop compared with 61 percent by April 1 last year.

CITRUS CROP - HARVEST AND UTILIZATION TO APRIL 1

CROP	1986-87 UTILIZATION FRESH	PROCESSED	TOTAL	REMAINING FOR HARVEST	1987-88 UTILIZATION FRESH	PROCESSED	TOTAL	REMAINING FOR HARVEST
	THOUSAND BOXES							
ORANGES	28,891	69,286	98,177	84,048	29,084	79,674	108,758	90,632
GRAPEFRUIT	19,692	26,914	46,606	16,419	21,955	26,568	48,523	17,877
LEMONS	7,546	11,879	19,425	9,175	7,166	6,258	13,424	9,076

GRAPEFRUIT: The 1987-88 U.S. crop is forecast at 66.4 million boxes (2.45 million metric tons), up 5 percent from last season and 16 percent above the 1985-86 season. Florida's forecast is 52.0 million boxes, unchanged from last month's forecast, but up 4 percent from last season. California's "Desert Valley" grapefruit forecast is unchanged at 4.20 million boxes, the same as the 1986-87 level. The first forecast for California "Other Areas" grapefruit is 4.70 million boxes, down 4 percent from the 1986-87 crop. Arizona's forecast at 1.90 million boxes, is down 14 percent from last season. The Texas crop is estimated at 3.60 million boxes, compared with 1.93 million boxes harvested last season.

Harvest of all grapefruit is 81 percent complete in Florida, while the California harvest is at 19 percent, Arizona, at 60 percent, and Texas is 96 percent complete.

The change in U.S. grapefruit production between the April 1 forecast and final production averaged 1.77 million boxes over the past ten seasons, ranging from a low of 250 thousand boxes in 1985-86 to a high of 4.00 million boxes in the 1979-80 season.

LEMONS: The forecast in Arizona and California is 22.5 million boxes (776 thousand metric tons), down 4 percent from the January 1 forecast and 21 percent less than last season's utilized production.

California's forecast is 18.5 million boxes, unchanged from the January 1 forecast but 14 percent below the utilized crop in 1986-87. The forecast for Arizona's crop is 4.00 million boxes, down 20 percent from the January 1 forecast and 44 percent less than the production utilized last season. The total U.S. lemon harvest is 60 percent complete for this season.

TANGERINES: The U.S. all tangerine forecast of 4.35 million boxes (170 thousand metric tons), is unchanged from the previous forecast but 17 percent less than last season. This forecast includes all varieties of tangerines in Florida (Dancy, Robinson, and Honey), as well as production of California and Arizona tangerines. Florida Honey tangerines beginning this year are included in the State and U.S. totals. Production estimates shown for previous seasons have been revised for comparison purposes with the new crop forecasts.

The Florida forecast is 2.40 million boxes, up 4 percent from March 1, and 3 percent above 1986-87. This increase was offset by an 18 percent drop from the January 1 forecast in Arizona. Florida's Honey tangerine harvest is all but completed for this season.

TEMPLES: The Florida Temple forecast remains at 3.60 million boxes (147 thousand metric tons), unchanged from March 1, but 6 percent more than last season's crop. Harvest is virtually complete.

TANGELOS: The Florida Tangelo crop, excluding K-early citrus fruit, declined to 4.25 million boxes, (173 thousand metric tons), down 1 percent from last month but up 6 percent from last season's utilized production.

FLORIDA CITRUS: Most of this State's groves are in very good to excellent condition. There was sufficient rains in March to provide adequate moisture in the majority of citrus areas. However, there was increased usage of irrigation during the last week of the month when there was no rain. This year's bloom cycle started the first few weeks of March with general bud formation. There were some open bloom showing by mid-month with full open bloom reached the last week of the month. Harvest of early and mid oranges was virtually complete by the last of the month. Movement of Valencias started to increase at month's end as maturity continued to improve. Both white and colored grapefruit harvest was very active through all of March with record movement totaled for the month. Movement of temples and Honey Tangerines is all but completed for this season.

TEXAS CITRUS: Harvest of grapefruit and Valencia oranges is winding down with early and mid-season orange harvest complete. Some of the later fruit declined in quality due to cooler weather; however, overall quality remained good. Trees are blooming and setting fruit for next season. Early sets look very good with a good amount of inner tree sets. Irrigation has been steady because of dry conditions.

PAPAYA: Fresh papaya production from Hawaii is forecast at 4.30 million pounds (1,950 metric tons) in April, 4 percent higher than April 1987. Increases are also anticipated over the next three months with output totaling 5.70 million pounds (2,590 metric tons) in May, 6.70 million pounds (3,040 metric tons) in June and 7.00 million pounds (3,180 metric tons) in July.

Fresh utilization in March is estimated at 3.20 million pounds (1,430 metric tons), 8 percent higher than February but 9 percent lower than last March. Year-to-date output is 9 percent lower than the same three month period last year.

Although sunny skies dominated weather conditions during the beginning of the month, frequent showers with some thundershowers occurred toward months end. No damage was reported but farm activities were slowed in some areas. Spray programs were increased to minimize disease outbreaks.

Area devoted in March to papaya production totaled 4,075 acres (1,650 hectares), unchanged from February but 3 percent higher than last March. Harvested area totaled 2,245 acres (910 hectares) in March, a 2 percent decline from February and a 6 percent drop from last March.

POTATOES: Spring potato production is forecast at 21.4 million cwt (971 thousand metric tons), up 21 percent from last year, and 8 percent above two years ago. Area for harvest is set at 80.0 thousand acres (32.4 thousand hectares), down 1 percent from last year but 5 percent above 1986. The average yield is expected to hit 267 cwt per acre, up 21 percent from last year and 2 percent above 1986.

Florida production is expected to rebound after last year's weather damaged crop with 7.37 million cwt this year. This is 50 percent above last year and 5 percent above 1986. Harvest has started in the West Central area and should be underway in Hastings by the end of April. Excellent growing conditions have pushed the California crop to an expected production of 8.55 million cwt, up 8 percent from last year. Harvest will start in mid-April. The Arizona spring crop of 1.43 million cwt should be up 6 percent.

Texas growers expect a 27 percent gain in their spring potato output, although winds and cool temperatures slowed growth in the Rio Grande Valley. Planting is active in the Knox-Haskell area and early fields have emerged. The Alabama crop will be about the same size as last year despite a cut in acreage. Harvest will be later than normal. Planting is complete in North Carolina under good growing conditions.

SUMMER POTATOES, 1987 FINAL: Summer potato production for 1987 is finalized at 22.8 million cwt (1.03 million metric tons), up 9 percent from 1986 but 18 percent short of 1985 output. Harvested acreage settled in at 100 thousand acres (40.5 thousand hectares), up 5 percent from 1986 but 12 percent below 1985. The average yield was 228 cwt per acre compared with 220 in 1986 and 244 in 1985.

PEANUTS, 1987 REVISED: Peanut production in crop year 1987 totaled 3.62 billion pounds (1.64 million metric tons), 2 percent below the 1986 crop and 12 percent below 1985. Growers planted 1.57 million acres (634 thousand hectares) and harvested 1.55 million acres (626 thousand hectares). Planted area was virtually unchanged from 1986, but harvested area was up 1 percent. Yield averaged 2,341 pounds per acre, a decline of 66 pounds from 1986 and a drop of 469 pounds from 1985.

Production in the Southeastern States (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina) totaled 2.29 billion pounds in 1987 - a 4 percent decline from 1986. Planted and harvested area were both down 4 percent from 1986. Yield averaged 2,418 pounds per acre in the region, 11 pounds below 1986.

Virginia and North Carolina production totaled 635 million pounds, an 11 percent decline from 1986 for the region. Both area planted and harvested were up 3 percent from 1986. Average yield, at 2,669 pounds per acre, dropped 419 pounds from 1986.

Southwestern growers (New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas) produced 697 million pounds in 1987, an increase of 17 percent over 1986. Planted area for the region increased 8 percent and harvested area increased 12 percent. Average yield climbed 69 pounds above the 1986 average.

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E R R A T A

CROP PRODUCTION: April 11, 1988, should be changed as follows:

PAGE 1: Highlights

FROM: Spring potato production is forecast at 21.4 million cwt (971 thousand metric tons), up 21 percent from last year and 8 percent above two years ago.

TO: Spring Potato production is forecast at 20.7 million cwt (938 thousand metric tons), up 17 percent from last year and 4 percent above two years ago.

PAGE 2: Spring Potato; Indicated 1988 estimates:

	PLANTED	HARVESTED	YIELD	PRODUCTION
	--Acres--		--000 CWT--	
FROM:	81.1	80.0	267	21,398
TO:	80.1	79.0	262	20,689

PAGE 3: Spring Potatoes: Metric

	AREA PLANTED	AREA HARVESTED	YIELD	PRODUCTION
	--Hectares--		--Metric Tons--	
FROM:	32,820	32,380	29.97	970,590
TO:	32,420	31,970	29.35	938,430

PAGE 5: Spring Potatoes, 1988 Estimates

	AREA PLANTED	AREA HARVESTED	YIELD	PRODUCTION
	--1,000 Acres--		Cwt	1,000 Cwt
California				
FROM:	20.6	20.6	415	8,549
TO:	19.6	19.6	400	7,840
Total				
FROM:	81.1	80.0	267	21,398
TO:	80.1	79.0	262	20,689

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Potatoes:		FROM	TO
Paragraph 1,	Line 1	21.4 mil. cwt	20.7 mil. cwt
		971 thou. metric tons	938 thou. metric tons
	Line 2	21 percent	17 percent
		8 percent	4 percent
	Line 3	80.0 thou. acres	79.0 thou. acres
		32.4 thou. hectares	32.0 thou. hectares
	Line 4	1 percent	2 percent
		5 percent	4 percent
	Line 5	267 cwt/acre	262 cwt/acre
		21 percent	19 percent
		2 percent	slightly
Paragraph 2,	Line 5	8.55 mil. cwt	7.84 mil. cwt
	Line 6	up 8 percent	down 1 percent