



Citrus Program March 2019



Every 5 years NASS conducts a program review following the completion of the Census of Agriculture. The primary purpose is to ensure that the NASS annual estimating program targets commodities and states most relevant based on the latest available information. Last fall we announced the program review and requested stakeholder input.

The primary source of information for the program review is the Census of Agriculture, since it is the most comprehensive source of data; however we also take into consideration estimates from the current annual estimating program and administrative data.

The program changes balance resources across all of the programs included in the annual estimating program, which represents over 400 individual reports.

California and Florida citrus narratives in *Crop Production* reports discontinued.

NASS is discontinuing narratives that contain information pertaining to citrus crops in California and Florida in the back section of monthly *Crop Production* reports. The same information is found in other locations such as the Agricultural Summary narratives in the same publications and the State’s weekly narratives/monthly state stories.

November citrus forecasts discontinued.

NASS is discontinuing the November citrus forecasts currently published for Florida. The November Florida citrus forecasts began in 2014 at the request of Florida Citrus industry (and are funded by the State of Florida). Although all citrus crops were included, the primary purpose was to provide an update for the early maturing tangerine varieties. Since that time, tangerine acreage in Florida has continued to decline to a point where tangerine estimates can no longer be published separately for Early and Late varieties each month.

In-season forecasts for citrus crops.

NASS publishes in-season forecasts for a number of crops. The following table indicates the crops that are forecasted by month.

Crop	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Grapefruit	Federal	EPA ^{1/}	EPA ^{1/}	Federal	EPA ^{1/}	EPA ^{1/}	Federal			Federal	Drop	EPA ^{1/}
Lemons	Federal			Federal			Federal			Federal		
Oranges	Federal	EPA ^{1/}	EPA ^{2/}	Federal	EPA ^{1/}	EPA ^{1/}	Federal		EPA ^{3/}	Federal	Drop	EPA ^{1/}
Tangerines	Federal	EPA ^{1/}	EPA ^{1/}	Federal	EPA ^{1/}	EPA ^{1/}	Federal			Federal	Drop	EPA ^{1/}

Note: “Federal” indicates forecast is part of the NASS annual estimating program. “EPA” indicates a forecast that is externally funded. “Drop” refers to a previous forecast that will no longer occur.

^{1/} Florida forecasted for all crops, all other forecasts carried forward.

^{2/} Florida forecasted for all crops, California forecasted for Valencia oranges, and all other forecasts carried forward.

^{3/} Only California Navel oranges forecasted.

States included in the estimating program for citrus crops.

For each crop, both production and total value of production were reviewed. Totals were arrayed from largest to smallest. States that account for the largest proportion of the total were identified for inclusion in the annual estimating program. This allows us to provide the most useful data to the agricultural sector in the most efficient means possible given the limited available resources.

Grapefruit				
Estimating States				States Removed From Program
State	In Season Forecast(s)	Annual Estimates	County Estimates	
California	P	P		None
Florida	P	P		
Texas	P	P		

P = Published

Lemons				
Estimating States				States Removed From Program
State	In Season Forecast(s)	Annual Estimates	County Estimates	
Arizona	P	P		None
California	P	P		

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Oranges				
Estimating States				States Removed From Program
State	In Season Forecast(s)	Annual Estimates	County Estimates	
California	P	P		None
Florida	P	P		
Texas	P	P		

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Tangerines				
Estimating States				States Removed From Program
State	In Season Forecast(s)	Annual Estimates	County Estimates	
California	P	P		None
Florida	P	P		

P = Published