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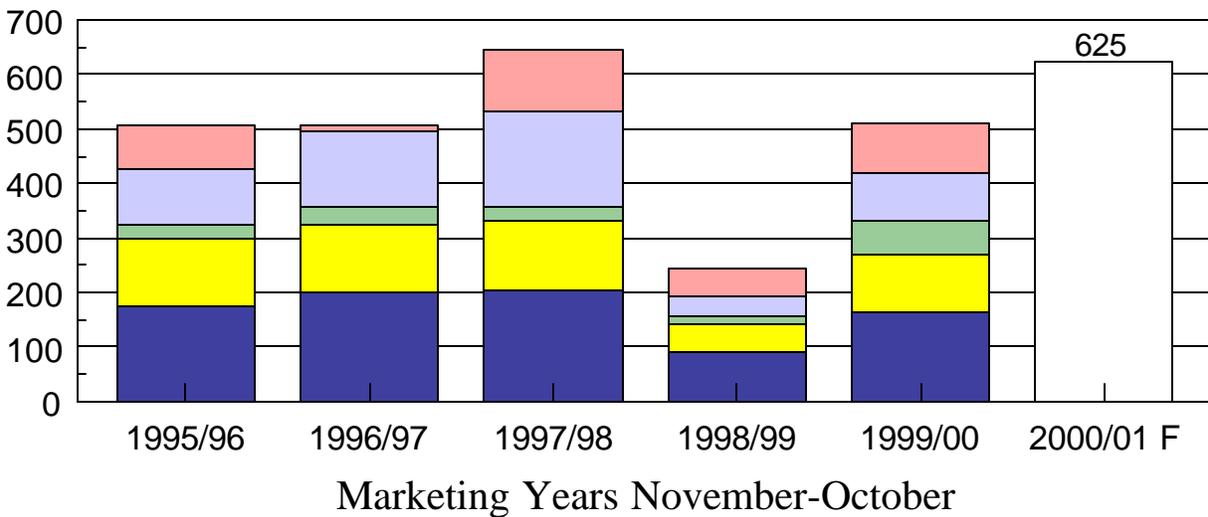
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U.S. Orange Exports Forecast to Continue to Climb in Marketing Year 2000/2001

1,000 Metric Tons



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Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census

Total citrus production in the United States in 2000/01 is forecast at 14.8 million tons, down nearly 6 percent from the previous year's harvest. Total orange production in 2000/01 is forecast at 11.2 million tons, down about 6 percent from last year's output. As of July 11, California's Valencia orange harvest was in full swing. Harvest of the Navel orange crop is virtually complete. Grapefruit production in 2000/01 is forecast at 2.2 million tons, down 10 percent from last year's output. Florida's grapefruit production is estimated at 1.77 million tons, the smallest grapefruit production level in Florida since 1991/92.

Total U.S. citrus exports in 2000/01 are forecast at 1.2 million tons, 12 percent higher than the previous year's shipments, despite the lower production. Orange exports in 2000/01 are forecast at 625,000 tons, up 21 percent from the 1999/2000 level and up 155 percent over the freeze-damaged level of 1998/99. U.S. grapefruit exports in 2000/01 are forecast to increase to 410,000 tons. Despite the lower levels of production, exports have remained strong. U.S. exports to Japan during 2000/01 are running 2 percent ahead of last year's levels.

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