

# 2026 July Citrus Survey (CITRUS PROD)



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# General Survey Information

- Project Code: **133 - Citrus Fruit Survey**
- Questionnaires:
  - Mailed out June 19<sup>th</sup>
- Data Collection:
  - June 26 – July 6
- Release:
  - *Crop Production*
  - July 10



# Latest Citrus Crop Estimates

## Fruits and Nuts Production in Domestic Units – United States: 2024 and 2025

[Data are the latest estimates available, either from the current report or from previous reports. Current year estimates are for the full 2025 crop year, except citrus which is for the 2025-2026 season. Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

Crop	Production	
	2024	2025
<b>Citrus</b> <sup>1</sup>		
Grapefruit ..... 1,000 tons	344	299
Lemons ..... 1,000 tons	1,022	1,103
Oranges ..... 1,000 tons	2,758	2,475
Tangerines and mandarins ..... 1,000 tons	1,117	1,014



# Survey Information

- Looking for 2025 – 2026 season *expected* production of Lemons, Oranges, Mandarins, and Grapefruit
  - Depending on state
- At this point, we're not asking about end use
  - Just expected production...regardless of if the fruit will be used for fresh market, processing, etc
- Like with most fruits and vegetables:
  - A wide variety of units may be reported
  - Sometimes with varying weights
  - Blaise is set up to handle whatever is reported

# Screening Questions

- Any acres in **2025 – 2026** of:
  - Oranges, Lemons, Mandarins, Mandarin hybrids, Grapefruit, or Pummelos?
  - **If “NO”**, Will this operation plant any of these citrus fruits in the future?
    - Yes/No/DK: all route you to the end of the survey
- Additional screening for each type of Citrus
  - Does this operation have any [specific type of citrus] acres?
    - **If “NO”**, Will this operation plant any [specific type of citrus] acres in the future?
      - Yes/No/DK: all route you to the next citrus crop

# Survey Questions

- Same questions as on the April Citrus Survey
- **Total acres** of [specific fruit] on July 1
  - Of these, how many are **bearing age** this year
    - Even if no *production* this year (due to freeze, disease, etc), still record the *bearing age* acres
- Expected **total production or yield** for 2025 – 2026 season
  - Quantity, unit, pounds per unit

# Arizona & Florida

- **Lemons:**
  - Will ask for total acres, bearing acres, and expected total production
  
- **Valencia Oranges, Navel and other Non-Valencia Oranges, Mandarins and Mandarin Hybrids, and Grapefruit and Pummelos:**
  - Only asks for total acres on operation on July 1

# Texas

- **Valencia Oranges, Navel and Other Non-Valencia Oranges, Grapefruit and Pummelos:**
  - Will ask for total acres, bearing acres, and expected total production
- **Mandarins and Mandarin Hybrids, and Lemons:**
  - Only asks for total acres on operation on July 1

# California

- **Valencia Oranges, Navel and other Non-Valencia Oranges, Mandarins and Mandarin Hybrids, Lemons, Grapefruit and Pummelos:**
  - Will ask for total acres, bearing acres, and expected total production for all five types of citrus crops

# Watch For:

- Bearing acres cannot be greater than total acres
- Bearing acres < 70% of total acres
- Bearing acres reported but no production reported
- High or low yields



# Out of Business/Screening

- Operation have any acres of the following citrus fruits?
  - If “NO”; Operation have any citrus **fruit** acres in the future?
    - Yes/Don't Know
      - Do you make any day-to-day decisions for another farm or ranch?
    - No
      - Has the operation been sold, rented, or turned over to someone else?
- Leave good notes if the operation is completely out of business (no agricultural activity)
  - What happened? New operator? Any other info?

# Things to remember

- Referring to 2025 - 2026 crop year expected production
- Watch the decimal points: acres, pounds per unit
- Remember, *bearing age*
  - Even in cases of limited or no production this year

# More things to remember

- Be sure to leave a comment explaining any odd data or situations
- Especially for fruit crops, notes are your friend
  - Statisticians *depend* on your notes
    - Weather, diseases, insects, markets, labor, etc
  - As they review the data, set their estimates and communicate with HQ

# Conclusion

- Go through some practice exercises before you begin interviewing.
- Please contact your supervisor with any questions you may have.

