



Citrus Survey

Extra Information

Purpose:

To collect acreage and expected production for citrus crops in Arizona, California, Florida, and Texas. Collecting this data provides the industry with a reliable source of information, and growers can use this data to help make informed decisions for their operations.

Overview

- Project code: 133 – Citrus Fruit Survey
 - Mailed out: 7-10 days before the 1st of each survey month
- Data Release: Crop Production – around 11th or 12th of Oct, Jan, Apr, Jul at Noon ET

Survey Questions:

- Survey questions are identical for all citrus crops.
- We will ask for total acres of the citrus variety.
- Then, of these total acres, how many are of bearing age?
 - All acres of bearing age should be recorded even if they did not produce a crop during the current growing season due to freeze damage, disease, drought, etc.
 - We are asking about *bearing age*....and not what will actually bear a crop this year
 - This can cause some confusion if there is a late frost, disease/insect issues, etc. that impact production
- Finally, we ask for expected production totals. A wide variety of units can be reported for expected production. If a unit other than tons or pounds are reported, we then need the weight of one of the units reported so we can calculate total production.

- For example: an operator may report that he harvested 4000 boxes. We then need to know how much one of those boxes weighed so we can calculate the total production.

Some things to keep in mind:

- Looking for current growing season **expected** production – not actual production from previous crop year
- Bearing age acres cannot be greater than total acres
- Watch your decimal points on acres and pounds per unit
- There could be a wide range of yields depending on the area/state
- Please leave plenty of notes explaining anything you think the statisticians may need to know
- If the operation is completely out of business, please leave notes as to what happened to the operation, new operator contact information, etc. This information is needed to update our records.