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Katrina Leonard, a UF Food and Resource Economics student wrote her master’s thesis on the “Influence of Mechanical Harvesting on Subsequent Citrus Crop Yields.” Katrina analyzed 10 years of commercial production data from 47 orange blocks in southwest Florida to determine if mechanical harvesting has an adverse effect on tree yields. Her conclusion was that there was no effect on yields due to the mechanical harvesting. If you would like to read more about Katrina’s study, please contact her committee co-chairs, Fritz Roka (fmroka@ufl.edu) or Lisa House (lahouse@ufl.edu). A PowerPoint presentation describing Katrina’s study is available at <http://citrusMH.ifas.ufl.edu>.