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Final Numbers for Mechanically Harvested Acres and Boxes for the 2009-10 Season

The Florida Department of Citrus announced during the September Research Council meeting that the number of acres and boxes of citrus mechanically harvested in the 2009-2010 season decreased as compared to the previous year. In 2009-2010, 29,121 acres were mechanically harvested, a decrease of 18% from the 35,600 acres mechanically harvested in 2008-2009. Total boxes mechanically harvested in 2009-10 were 7.1 million as compared to 9.5 million boxes mechanically harvested in 2008-09, or a 25% reduction. The decreases in acreage and boxes harvested by mechanical systems were not totally unexpected as the overall crop yield was down. To see a chart of the past 11 years of acres and boxes harvested mechanically, go to our website at <http://citrusmh.ifas.ufl.edu>.