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The University of Florida Citrus Mechanical Harvesting Program was able to collect information on the number of acres and boxes of citrus mechanically harvested in the 2013-2014 season. Based on survey results, a decrease was seen as compared to the previous year. In 2013-14, 6,707 acres were mechanically harvested, a decrease of 17% from the 8060 acres mechanically harvested in 2012-2013. The decreases in acreage and boxes harvested by mechanical systems were not unexpected as growers fight citrus greening. Mechanical harvesting had been particularly strong in southwest Florida. Please visit our website at <http://citrusmh.ifas.ufl.edu> to see the latest mechanical harvesting statistics.