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PREFACE

A basic need in the development of mechanical citrus harvesting equipment is knowledge of the industry and conditions that the equipment is expected to operate under. Considerable data on grove characteristics have been collected already in conjunction with present industry reporting services. This publication assembles the data in a form suitable for the needs of those involved in harvesting equipment development. It should be of value to both researchers and machinery developers.

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FLORIDA CITRUS - COMMERCIAL ACREAGE BY VARIETY AND PLANTING SYSTEM, AS OF JUNE 1972. ACRES

VARIETY	P L A N T I N G S Y S T E M						TOTAL
	RECTANGLE	DIAMOND	TRIANGLE	HEXAGONAL	CONTOUR	BEDDED	
HAMLIN	115817	1144	438	957	663	19127	138332
PARSON BROWN	32581	524	241	292	179	1319	35205
NAVEL	9009	141	21	59	46	2003	11323
OTHER EARLY ORANGES	2011	53	13	5	9	38	2133
TOTAL EARLY ORANGES	159417	1862	713	1913	896	22486	187062
JAFFA	6468	95	18	33	2	16	6623
PINEAPPLE	95297	1422	550	857	137	27184	125973
SEEDLING	9050	302	69	216	5	69	9776
OTHER MIDSEASON ORANGES	4155	201	59	129	0	82	4660
TOTAL MIDSEASON ORANGES	114970	2020	696	1235	143	27351	147038
VALENCIA AND OTHER LATE ORANGES	250961	2824	757	2561	1364	53334	312419
UNIDENTIFIED ORANGES	12335	113	13	9	31	2823	15542
TOTAL ORANGES	537883	6818	2179	5118	2434	105993	662121
SEEDY GRAPEFRUIT	22800	449	55	210	0	1219	24355
WHITE SEEDLESS GRAPEFRUIT - MARSH	38776	563	91	256	27	23116	65340
PINK SEEDLESS GRAPEFRUIT - THOMPSON/RUBY	24152	276	109	59	185	6601	31335
UNIDENTIFIED GRAPEFRUIT	2735	4	11	1	2	3082	5856
TOTAL GRAPEFRUIT	88464	1292	266	525	215	34017	125421
TEMPLE	18460	213	39	115	85	4407	23333
TANGELCS	16519	218	36	145	60	5949	23023
TANGERINES	20168	321	102	152	42	1772	23534
MURCOTTS	7685	48	10	48	113	1986	5932
LINES	4420	9	9	5	0	168	4611
TRUE LEMON	1861	36	3	9	0	4690	6599
MEYER LEMON	902	0	0	0	0	616	1545
OTHER CITRUS	9625	186	35	87	3	459	10434
ALL CITRUS	705987	9141	2679	6203	2952	160057	885669

FLA CITRUS - COMMERCIAL ACREAGE BY SPACING, AS OF JUNE 1972.

BETWEEN ROWS FT	S P A C I N G - I N R O W D I S T A N C E - F T										
	0-10	11-14	15-16	17-18	19-20	21-22	23-24	25-26	27-28	29-30	31-40
0-10	0										
11-14	1	1									
15-16	70	4	66								
17-18	124	1	40	83							
19-20	750	35	93	47	574						
21-22	629	18	36	17	98	459					
23-24	1065	20	99	51	153	168	574				
25-26	17993	652	1135	140	1678	388	490	13469			
27-28	3694	93	435	114	342	306	75	1139	1183		
29-30	10079	126	1849	83	1578	145	102	3018	493	2651	
31-40	800	7	169	73	56	13	91	167	37	115	67
TOTAL	35205										

SEEDY GRAPEFRUIT

ACRES

FLA CITRUS - COMMERCIAL ACREAGE BY SPACING, AS OF JUNE 1972.

BETWEEN ROWS FT	S P A C I N G -										TOTAL	
	0-10	11-14	15-16	17-18	19-20	21-22	23-24	25-26	27-28	29-30		31-40
0-10	0	0										
11-14	1	1										
15-16	26	1	25									
17-18	33	0	3	31								
19-20	404	0	46	7	347							
21-22	421	0	10	68	7	63	273					
23-24	400	1	2	12	21	84	32	248				
25-26	6964	6	36	340	117	555	251	211	5449			
27-28	2317	0	5	207	42	109	67	127	862	898		
29-30	13080	3	10	1026	27	1730	149	338	3938	1308	4549	
31-40	1211	0	0	46	36	180	25	29	364	64	210	257
TOTAL	24856											

UNIDENTIFIED GRAPEFRUIT

ACRES

FLA CITRUS - COMMERCIAL ACREAGE BY SPACING, AS OF JUNE 1972.

ETWEEN ROWS FT	S P A C I N G - I N R O W D I S T A N C E - F T										
	0-10	11-14	15-16	17-18	19-20	21-22	23-24	25-26	27-28	29-30	31-40
0-10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11-14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15-16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17-18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19-20	134	18	7	61	26	22	22	22	22	22	22
21-22	70	6	20	13	4	23	4	23	4	23	4
23-24	312	0	66	38	143	34	21	10	21	10	21
25-26	2111	7	112	364	739	438	30	73	348	73	348
27-28	976	14	65	165	364	84	78	32	133	32	133
29-30	1801	10	163	213	212	520	76	26	288	26	288
31-40	432	0	22	94	74	126	25	6	52	6	52
TOTAL	5836										

TOTAL GRAPEFRUIT

ACRES

FLA CITRUS - COMMERCIAL ACREAGE BY SPACING, AS OF JUNE 1972.

BETWEEN ROWS FT	ACRES	0-10	11-14	15-16	17-18	19-20	21-22	23-24	25-26	27-28	29-30	31-40
0-10	0	0										
11-14	1	0	1									
15-16	29	0	1	28								
17-18	107	0	3	35	69							
19-20	1333	22	12	231	54	1016						
21-22	2001	26	163	195	302	468	848					
23-24	3132	1	256	314	402	1328	209	623				
25-26	31947	63	480	3918	3274	5377	1323	725	16787			
27-28	17953	51	613	2163	2261	3175	1300	1284	4546	2559		
29-30	60682	59	621	5570	1354	13284	2038	1582	21073	3360	11740	
31-40	8237	0	72	1257	856	1490	705	231	1382	752	873	620
TOTAL	125421											

TEMPLE

ACRES

FLA CITRUS - COMMERCIAL ACREAGE BY SPACING, AS OF JUNE 1972.

BETWEEN ROWS FT	S P A C I N G - I N R O W D I S T A N C E - F T										
	0-10	11-14	15-16	17-18	19-20	21-22	23-24	25-26	27-28	29-30	31-40
0-10	0										
11-14	2	2									
15-16	24	0	9								
17-18	60	1	30	29							
19-20	498	60	130	62	236						
21-22	513	30	106	69	47	238					
23-24	639	88	127	95	129	66	135				
25-26	1047	778	1822	563	1487	420	111	5120			
27-28	2954	161	540	597	535	415	123	315	172		
29-30	7361	528	1524	588	2441	164	81	1306	59	629	
31-40	886	19	458	147	65	64	0	48	10	25	14
TOTAL	23383										

FLA CITRUS - COMMERCIAL ACREAGE BY SPACING, AS OF JUNE 1972.

BETWEEN ROWS FT	S P A C I N G - I N R O W D I S T A N C E - F T										
	0-10	11-14	15-16	17-18	19-20	21-22	23-24	25-26	27-28	29-30	31-40
0-10	0										
11-14	1	0									
15-16	37	6	10	21							
17-18	102	13	49	34	8						
19-20	668	22	155	307	27	157					
21-22	418	44	37	89	142	32	74				
23-24	369	0	84	196	20	37	18	15			
25-26	4399	157	580	1575	457	841	57	20	713		
27-28	1767	49	164	817	352	284	14	3	66	19	
29-30	1960	92	247	755	185	520	2	0	110	32	17
31-40	211	2	0	80	121	2	0	0	6	0	0
TOTAL	9932										

TRUE LEMON

ACRES

FLA CITRUS - COMMERCIAL ACREAGE BY SPACING, AS OF JUNE 1972.

BTWEEN 0'S FT	0-10	11-14	15-16	17-18	19-20	21-22	23-24	25-26	27-28	29-30	31-40
0-10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11-14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15-16	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17-18	47	0	46	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19-20	156	126	2	19	0	10	0	0	0	0	0
21-22	69	0	24	0	3	0	42	0	0	0	0
23-24	223	214	5	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
25-26	1036	35	199	774	0	9	0	0	39	0	0
27-28	4325	268	121	3789	21	123	0	0	0	0	0
29-30	640	0	153	172	9	292	0	1	0	1	0
31-40	82	0	0	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	6599										

ALL CITRUS

ACRES

FLA CITRUS - COMMERCIAL ACREAGE BY SPACING, AS OF JUNE 1972.

BETWEEN ROWS FT	ACRES	0-10	11-14	15-16	17-18	19-20	21-22	23-24	25-26	27-28	29-30	31-40
0-10	10	10										
11-14	116	35	80									
15-16	1661	412	240	1009								
17-18	3455	271	1231	538	1414							
19-20	22013	2229	2536	5565	1319	10365						
21-22	18080	1147	1777	2352	1347	2428	9029					
23-24	22229	658	2295	3002	2811	4734	1820	6908				
25-26	336726	2395	23334	46819	19968	39168	8649	5652	190741			
27-28	127629	2053	7160	32155	15450	14952	7503	5738	23619	18997		
29-30	313205	1754	9813	54029	12166	79172	6734	5078	81892	12796	49770	
31-40	44549	440	420	20471	5938	3737	2013	1161	4095	1837	2374	2064
TOTAL	889672											

FLORIDA CITRUS - COMMERCIAL ACREAGE BY YEAR SET AND PLANTING SYSTEM, AS OF JUNE 1972. ACRES

YEAR SET	P L A N T I N G S Y S T E M						TOTAL		
	RECTANGLE	DIAMOND	TRIANGLE	HEXAGONAL	CONTOUR	BEDDED		CLUSTER	OTHER
PRE-1920 PLANTINGS, ALL VARIETIES	39700	1059	291	579	8	110	12	225	41983
1920-29 PLANTINGS, ALL VARIETIES	86639	1520	400	782	0	193	2	337	89872
1930-39 PLANTINGS, ALL VARIETIES	73454	1072	403	1326	13	610	13	234	77124
1940-49 PLANTINGS, ALL VARIETIES	92354	1031	437	1080	1169	684	16	140	96611
1950-54 PLANTINGS, ALL VARIETIES	72728	758	438	373	532	1112	4	38	75933
1955-59 PLANTINGS, ALL VARIETIES	75099	753	119	456	222	2566	202	22	79432
1960-64 PLANTINGS, ALL VARIETIES	155261	1913	298	913	748	60158	757	73	220162
1965-69 PLANTINGS, ALL VARIETIES	94630	971	281	641	230	86643	448	69	183914
1970-71 PLANTINGS, ALL VARIETIES	16423	63	12	53	30	7981	0	19	24521

1960-64 PLANTINGS, ALL VARIETIES ACRES

FLA CITRUS - COMMERCIAL ACREAGE BY SPACING, AS OF JUNE 1972.

BETWEEN ROWS FT	SPACING - IN ROW DISTANCE - FT										
	0-10	11-14	15-16	17-18	19-20	21-22	23-24	25-26	27-28	29-30	31-40
0-10	4										
11-14	32	1	31								
15-16	465	38	161	266							
17-18	620	14	120	240	247						
19-20	5747	449	812	2303	352	1832					
21-22	3088	328	447	390	279	480	1164				
23-24	3755	41	348	602	463	1054	191	1056			
25-26	83961	501	3840	16435	9625	11295	1608	1048	39609		
27-28	36570	352	1150	11853	8012	4788	2125	1488	4260	2542	
29-30	68843	339	2563	12567	5271	23054	1938	1141	14523	1205	6242
31-40	17080	30	19	12251	1989	559	457	579	553	199	198
TOTAL	220165										

1965-69 PLANTINGS, ALL VARIETIES ACRES

FLA CITRUS - COMMERCIAL ACREAGE BY SPACING, AS OF JUNE 1972.

BETWEEN ROWS FT	S P A C I N G - I N R O W D I S T A N C E - F T										
	0-10	11-14	15-16	17-18	19-20	21-22	23-24	25-26	27-28	29-30	31-40
0-10	6										
11-14	50	31									
15-16	438	246	44	148							
17-18	1404	226	939	98	141						
19-20	5594	1345	1088	1856	221	1085					
21-22	4498	549	1123	1475	385	384	582				
23-24	6921	565	1443	1451	1356	1254	277	577			
25-26	61976	1655	10269	20319	6265	7592	579	492	14805		
27-28	35457	1409	4531	16645	4738	3800	887	788	1653	1005	
29-30	57074	1126	6094	19829	2757	13752	852	678	8897	618	2471
31-40	10496	374	304	6482	1193	1375	87	117	253	102	123
TOTAL	183914										

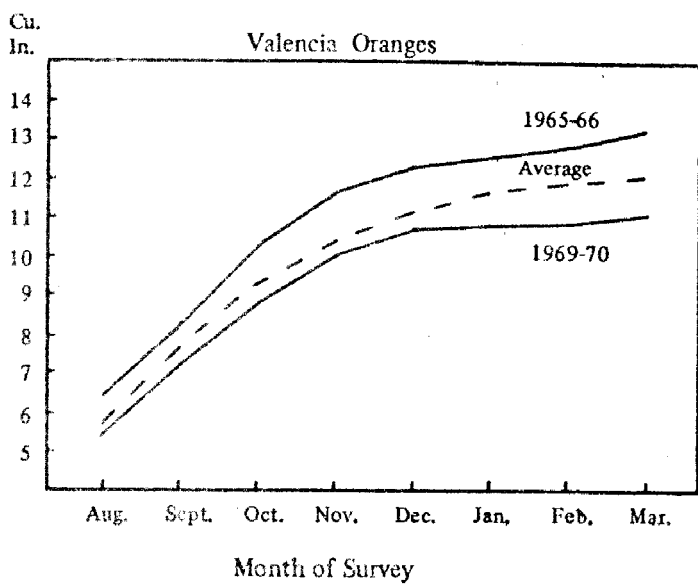
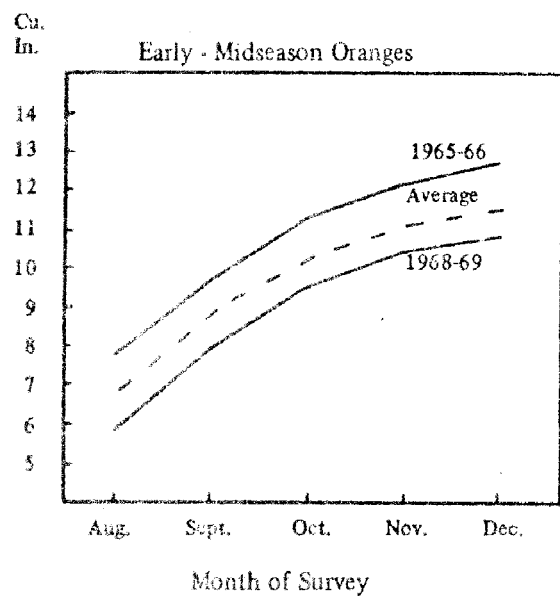
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0-10	0	0										
11-14	6	1	4									
15-16	131	121	6	8								
17-18	112	31	47	21	13							
19-20	737	233	107	187	45	164						
21-22	384	62	34	85	96	65	41					
23-24	991	28	183	201	257	169	68	86				
25-26	12269	137	5939	2118	1144	1182	273	107	1370			
27-28	3274	44	294	1479	572	276	114	84	265	146		
29-30	4624	44	321	1123	346	1212	247	48	628	209	448	
31-40	2054	14	52	635	615	158	137	32	300	50	36	26
TOTAL	24581											

FLORIDA CITRUS - COMMERCIAL ACREAGE BY YEAR SET AND AVERAGE SPACING

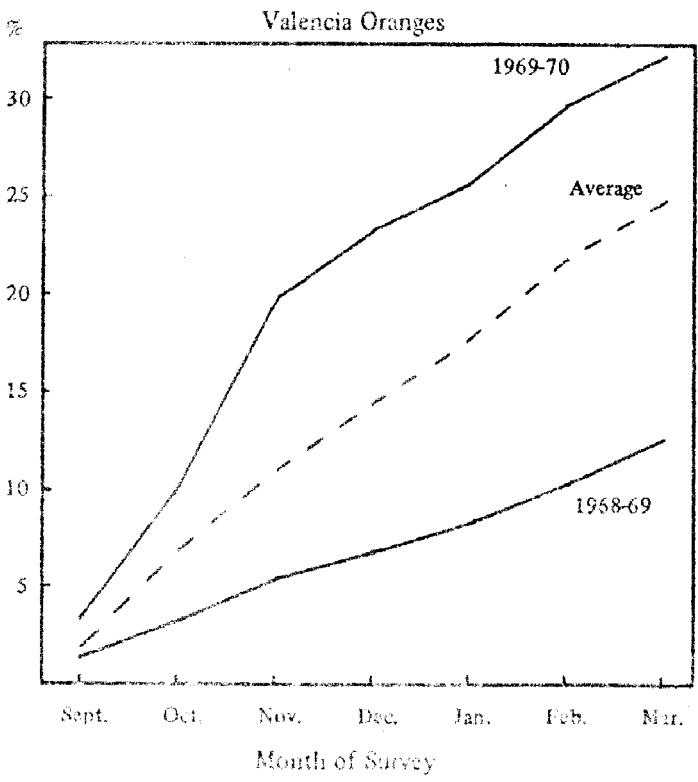
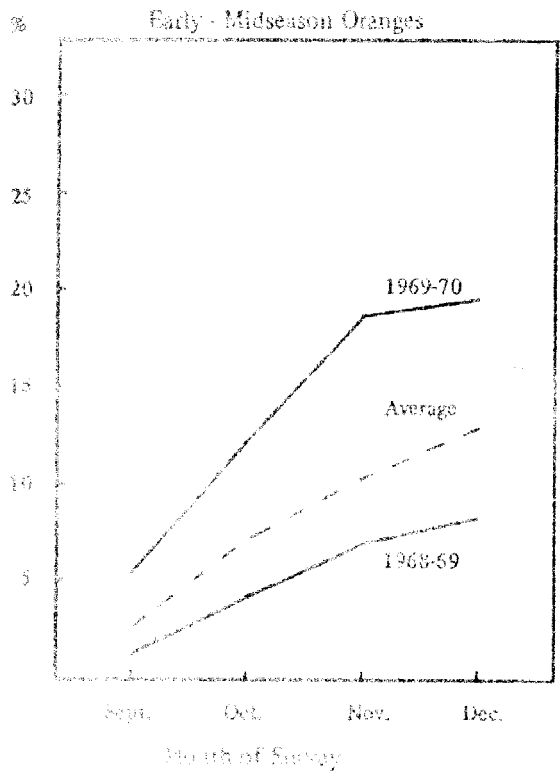
AS OF JUNE 1972.

YEAR	E A C H Y E A R			C U M U L A T I V E		
	ACRES	BETWEEN ROWS	IN ROW	ACRES	BETWEEN ROWS	IN ROW
1901	3516.4	27.1	25.6	3516.4	27.1	25.6
1902	287.6	27.0	25.2	3804.0	27.1	25.5
1903	229.4	26.2	23.9	4033.4	27.0	25.5
1904	783.4	26.7	24.6	4816.8	27.0	25.3
1905	1716.7	25.7	24.1	6533.5	26.6	25.0
1906	1144.0	26.9	24.9	7677.5	26.7	25.0
1907	1282.0	26.8	25.6	8959.5	26.7	25.1
1908	500.1	27.9	25.2	9459.6	26.8	25.1
1909	1060.5	27.8	24.8	10520.1	26.9	25.1
1910	2103.4	27.5	25.0	12623.5	27.0	25.0
1911	1404.4	26.7	24.4	14027.9	26.9	25.0
1912	1869.2	27.2	24.9	15897.1	27.0	25.0
1913	1354.1	27.6	25.4	17251.2	27.0	25.0
1914	2679.5	27.7	24.6	19930.7	27.1	25.0
1915	3532.6	27.9	24.9	23463.3	27.2	25.0
1916	3032.0	26.9	24.7	26495.3	27.2	24.9
1917	4381.6	27.2	24.5	30876.9	27.2	24.9
1918	3578.0	28.0	24.9	34454.9	27.3	24.9
1919	7528.5	27.6	24.8	41983.4	27.3	24.8
1920	9894.7	27.7	24.9	51878.1	27.4	24.9
1921	7227.4	27.0	24.4	59105.5	27.4	24.8
1922	9075.0	27.2	24.0	68180.4	27.3	24.7
1923	4691.9	27.3	24.7	72872.3	27.3	24.7
1924	11771.0	28.0	24.8	84643.3	27.4	24.7
1925	9467.3	27.6	24.6	94110.6	27.4	24.7
1926	10432.8	27.7	24.3	104543.4	27.5	24.7
1927	10339.1	27.6	24.6	114882.5	27.5	24.7
1928	5995.4	27.0	23.8	120877.9	27.5	24.6
1929	10977.6	27.3	24.2	131855.5	27.4	24.6
1930	11827.8	27.0	23.7	143683.3	27.4	24.5
1931	9672.8	26.7	23.4	153356.1	27.4	24.4
1932	6524.0	26.9	23.6	159880.1	27.3	24.4
1933	4647.1	27.0	23.5	164527.2	27.3	24.4
1934	6039.6	27.1	23.7	170566.8	27.3	24.4
1935	8368.6	26.6	23.2	178935.4	27.3	24.3
1936	7942.3	27.0	23.0	186877.7	27.3	24.2
1937	7647.5	26.7	22.7	194525.2	27.3	24.2
1938	7603.4	27.1	23.1	202128.6	27.2	24.1
1939	6851.1	27.3	22.9	208979.7	27.2	24.1
1940	10718.5	26.9	23.0	219698.2	27.2	24.0
1941	7997.3	26.9	23.3	227695.5	27.2	24.0
1942	6146.4	27.1	23.2	233841.9	27.2	24.0
1943	6670.6	26.9	23.2	240512.5	27.2	24.0
1944	7325.9	27.3	23.0	247838.4	27.2	23.9
1945	11217.1	27.1	23.4	259055.5	27.2	23.9
1946	11003.8	27.3	23.8	270059.3	27.2	23.9
1947	10715.9	27.9	23.8	280775.2	27.2	23.9
1948	13282.5	27.6	23.7	294057.7	27.3	23.9
1949	11533.0	27.8	23.5	305590.7	27.3	23.9
1950	17747.1	27.5	23.3	323337.8	27.3	23.9
1951	11616.3	27.6	23.3	334954.1	27.3	23.8
1952	11077.2	27.4	23.1	346031.3	27.3	23.8
1953	13781.0	27.0	22.6	359812.3	27.3	23.8
1954	21761.3	27.3	22.5	381573.6	27.3	23.7
1955	14303.6	27.1	22.3	395877.1	27.3	23.6
1956	11412.3	27.2	21.6	407289.4	27.3	23.6
1957	9866.9	27.6	22.5	417156.3	27.3	23.6
1958	26230.7	27.5	21.8	443387.0	27.3	23.5
1959	17624.2	27.6	21.9	461011.2	27.3	23.4
1960	44400.6	27.1	21.3	505411.8	27.3	23.2
1961	34883.0	27.6	20.2	540294.8	27.3	23.0
1962	45483.2	27.8	20.0	585777.9	27.4	22.8
1963	44461.2	27.5	19.7	630239.1	27.4	22.6
1964	50937.7	27.1	18.8	681176.8	27.3	22.3
1965	68665.1	27.2	18.4	749841.9	27.3	21.9
1966	44683.5	27.4	17.3	794525.4	27.3	21.7
1967	35753.4	27.3	16.5	830278.8	27.3	21.4
1968	17067.7	26.7	17.1	847346.4	27.3	21.4
1969	17744.5	26.4	16.7	865090.9	27.3	21.3
1970	11801.2	26.0	15.2	876892.1	27.3	21.2
1971	8307.0	27.1	17.7	885199.1	27.3	21.2
1972	4472.9	27.1	19.5	889672.1	27.3	21.2

MEASURED FRUIT VOLUME BY MONTHS
EXTREME YEARS AND 8-YR. AVERAGE



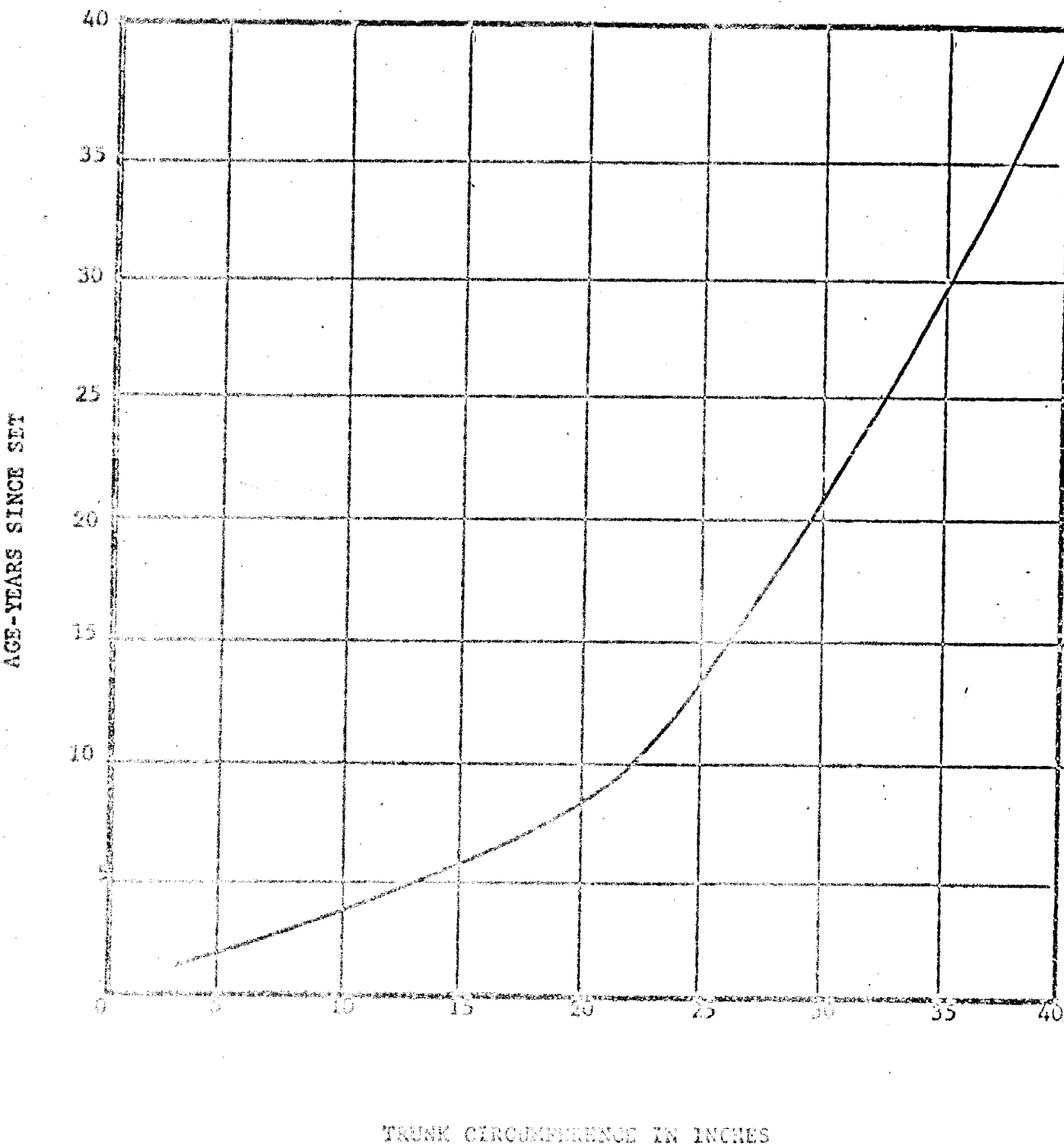
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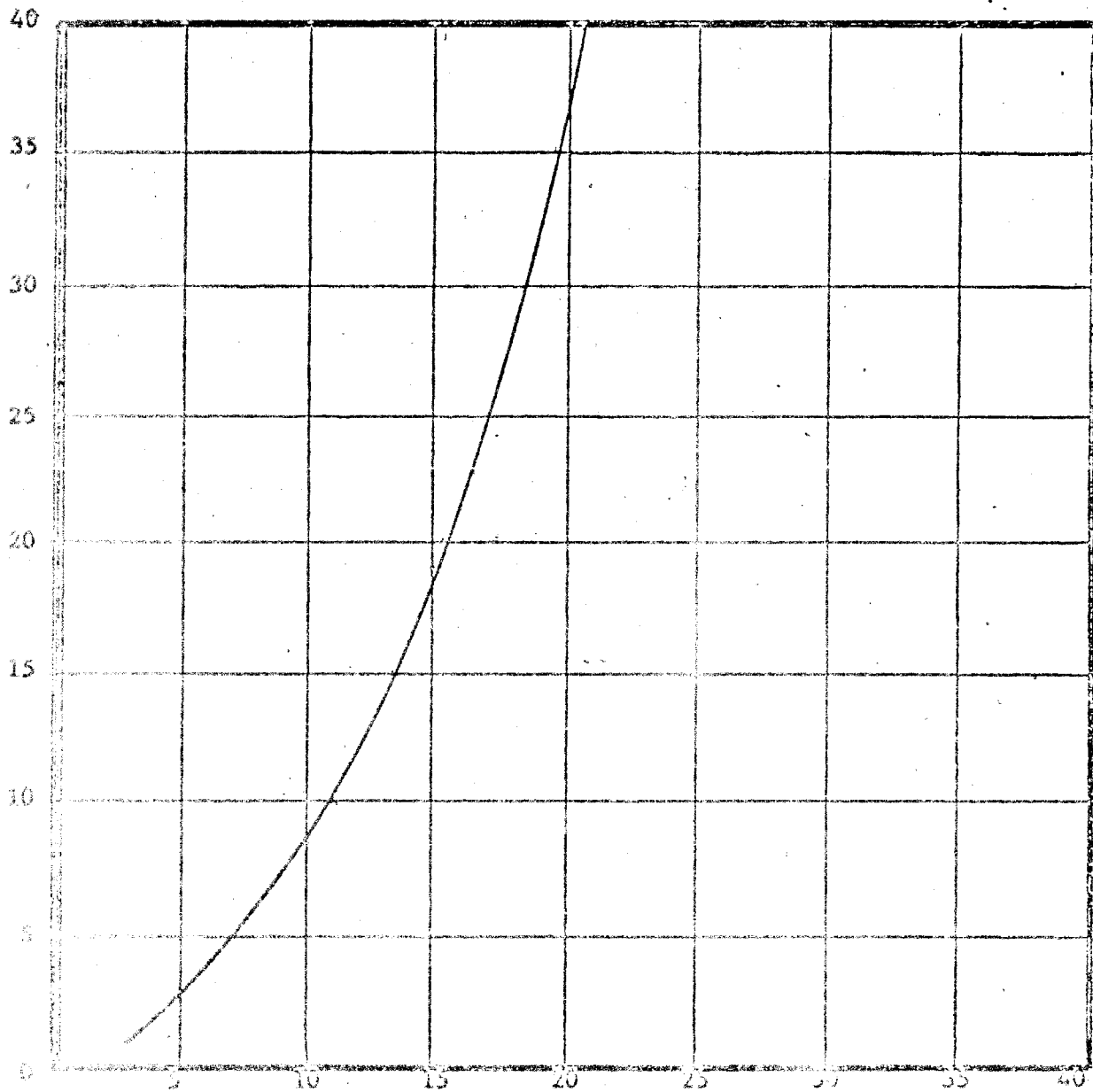
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ALL ORANGE TREES

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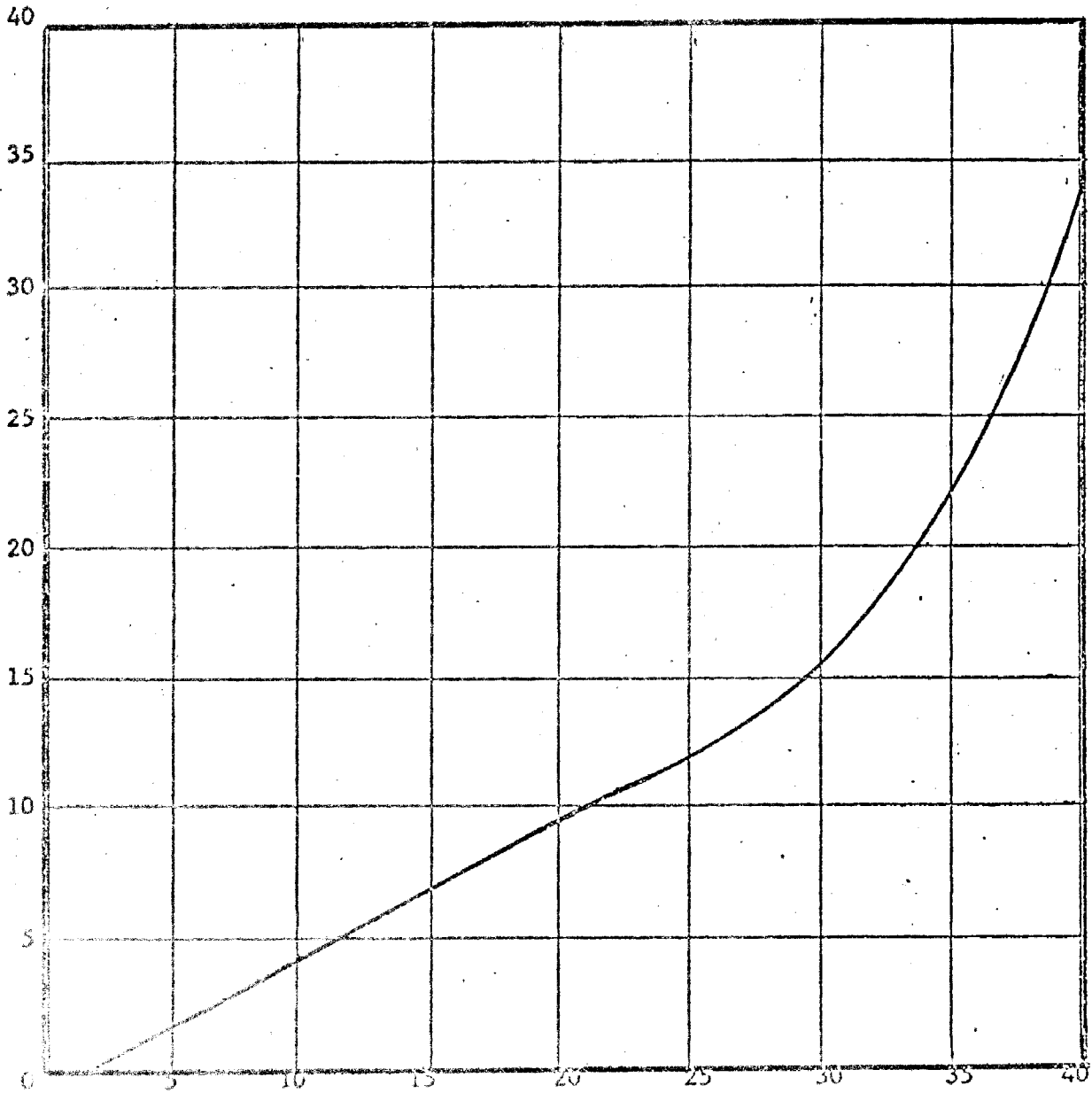
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GRAPEFRUIT TREES

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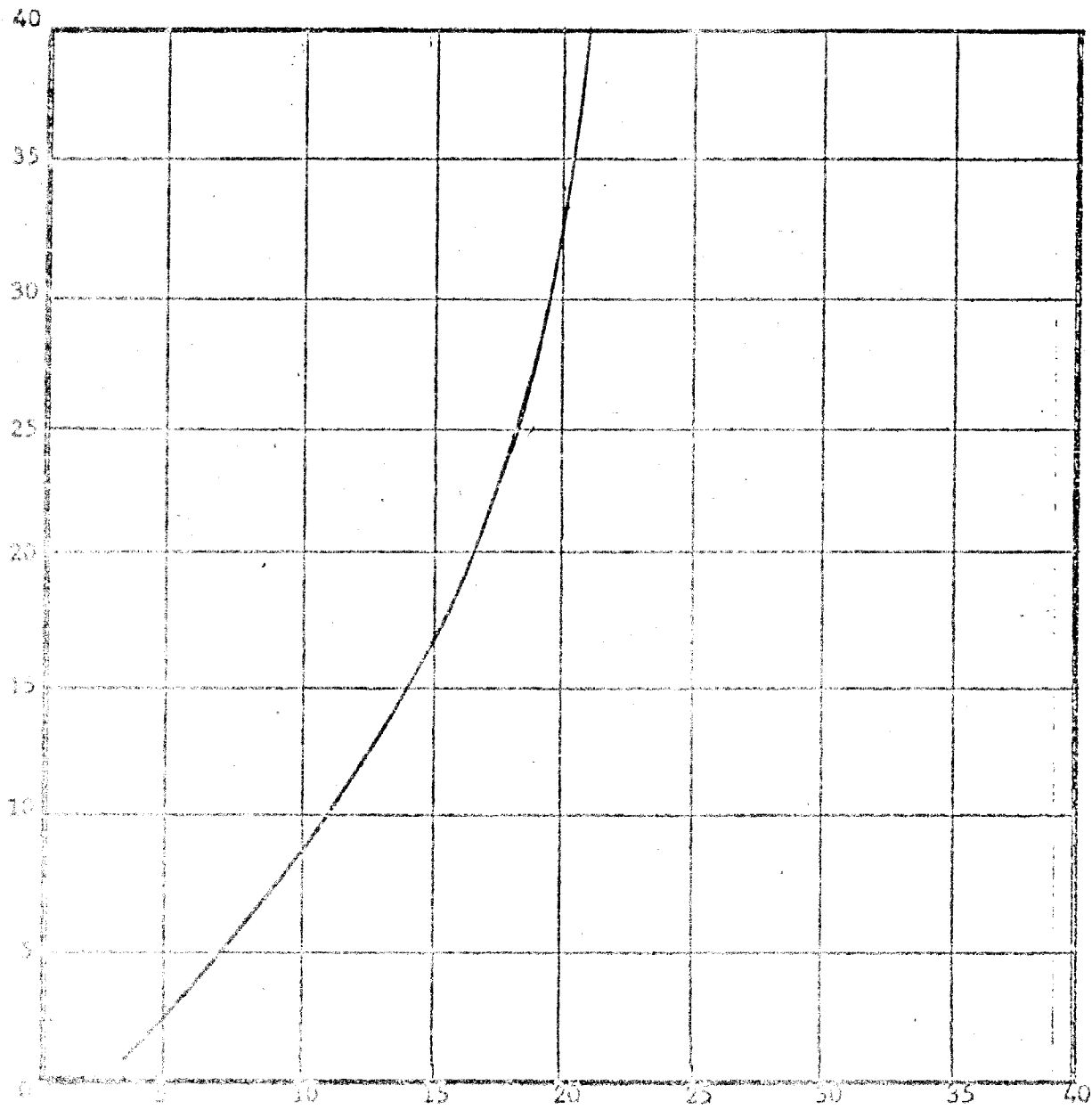
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GRAPEFRUIT TREES

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HEIGHT



HEIGHT OF TREES IN FEET