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Final Numbers for Mechanically Harvested Acres and Boxes for the 2008-09 Season

The Florida Department of Citrus announced during the October Harvesting Research Council meeting that the 2008-09 citrus harvesting season indicated progress in the growth of mechanical harvesting. Mechanically harvested acreage increased by 10%. In 2008-2009, 35,600 acres were mechanically harvested as opposed to 32,500 acres in 2007-08. Total boxes harvested by mechanical systems, however, decreased 1%, collecting 9.5 million boxes during the 2008-09 season as opposed to 9.6 million boxes mechanically harvested in 2007-08.

To see a graph of mechanically harvested acreage since 1999, please go to our website <http://citrusMH.ifas.ufl.edu>.