Citrus Maturity and Packinghouse Procedures

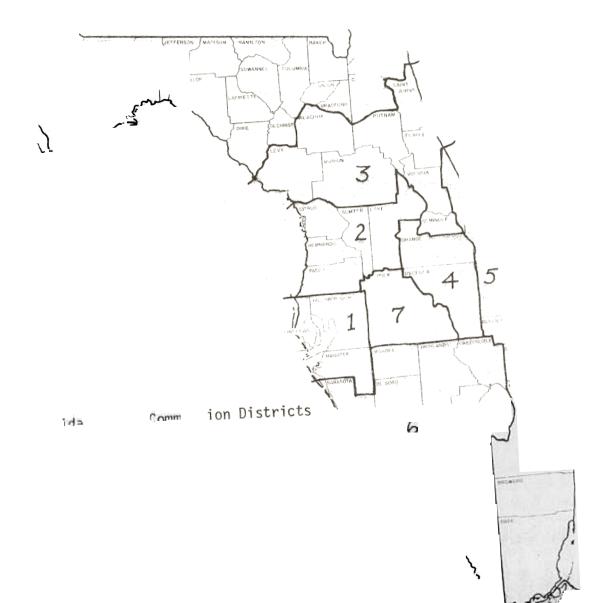
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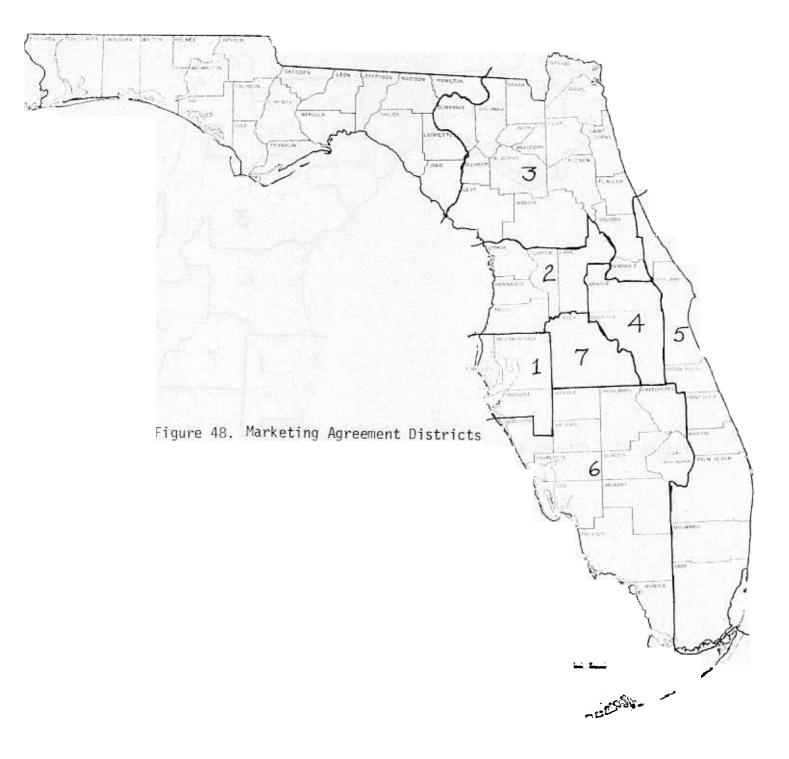
(ii Recoverable oil (bromide-bromate titration): Pipette 25 ml juice into 500 ml distillation flask, add 25 ml isopropanol and beads or boiling stones; distil into a 150 ml beaker until solvent ceases to reflux; add 10 ml dilute HC1 (1 conc HCl to 2H₂O by volume) and 1 drop 0.1% methyl orange indicator, titrate with 0.0247 N bromidebromate reagent to clear endpoint; titrate 3 separate mixtures of 25 ml isopropanol plus 10 ml dilute HCl plus indicator without refilling the burette, divide total ml titrated by 3 to obtain average blank; (ml titrated - ml average blank) x 0.004 = % recoverable oil by volume. Grade A must have 0.010 to 0.035% and Grade B not more than 0.040%.

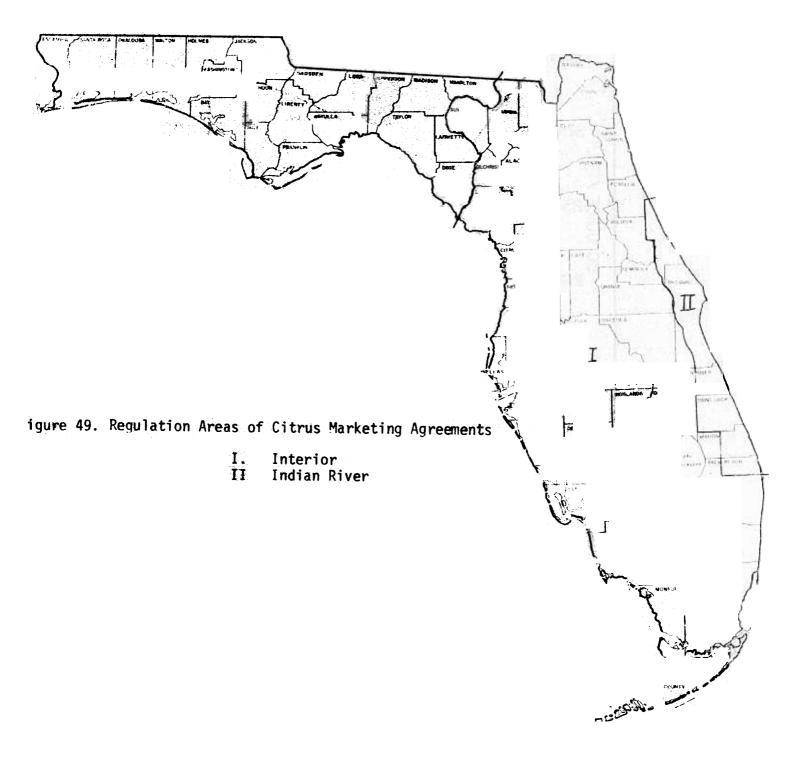
Flavor: Very good (like fresh orange juice) is scored from 3 to 40, Grade A; good (no abnormal or off flavors of any kind), from 3 to 35, Grade B. Anything less is Substandard. A score sheet is shown n Table 38.

(d) Total score: There are 40 points for color, 20 for defects and 40 for flavor possible; thus a juice sample must obtain a score of 90% or above in all 3 categories to be rated as Grade A and 80 to 90% for Grade B. All tests particularly those for color and flavor must be run on carefully prepared samples. (It should be noted that a can of a lot of FCOJ labeled Grade A when tested may have very poor flavor when prepared in the consumer's home as a result of mishandling there or in the supermarket.)

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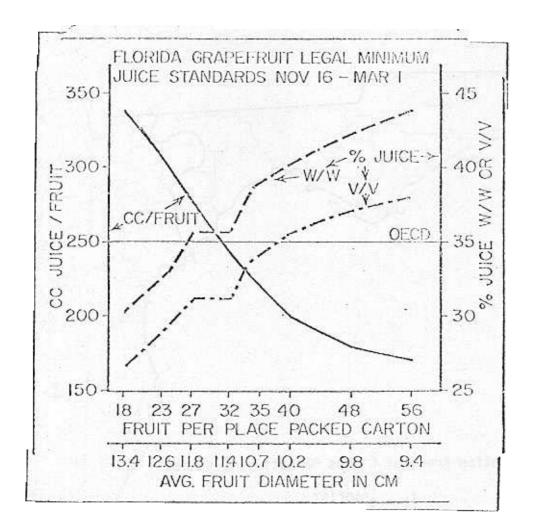


Figure 50. Florida grapefruit: Minimum juice requirement for November 16 through March 1 (6,29). The legal juice requirement, as cc per individual fruit size, is also expressed as % juice volume, both v/v and w/w. Note that the smaller sizes (common in the export trade) would greatly exceed the OECD (European) minimum (26) although the 2 largest sizes of exactly comparable maturity would be below OECD required % w/w juice content. (From Grierson and Ting, 1978.)

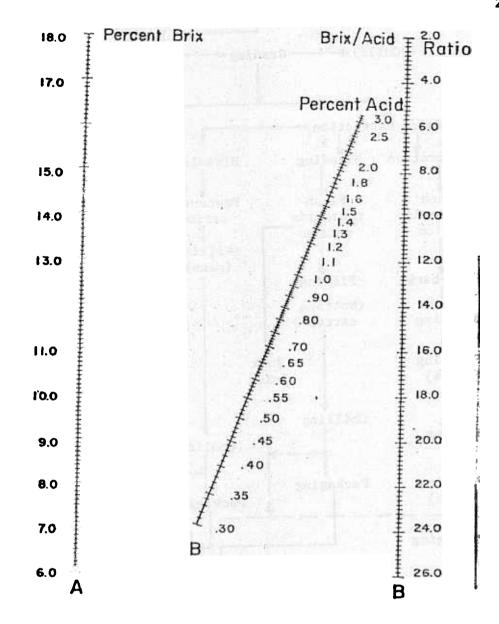


Figure 51. Nomograph for soluble solids:acid ratio (Soule Grierson and Blair, 1967).

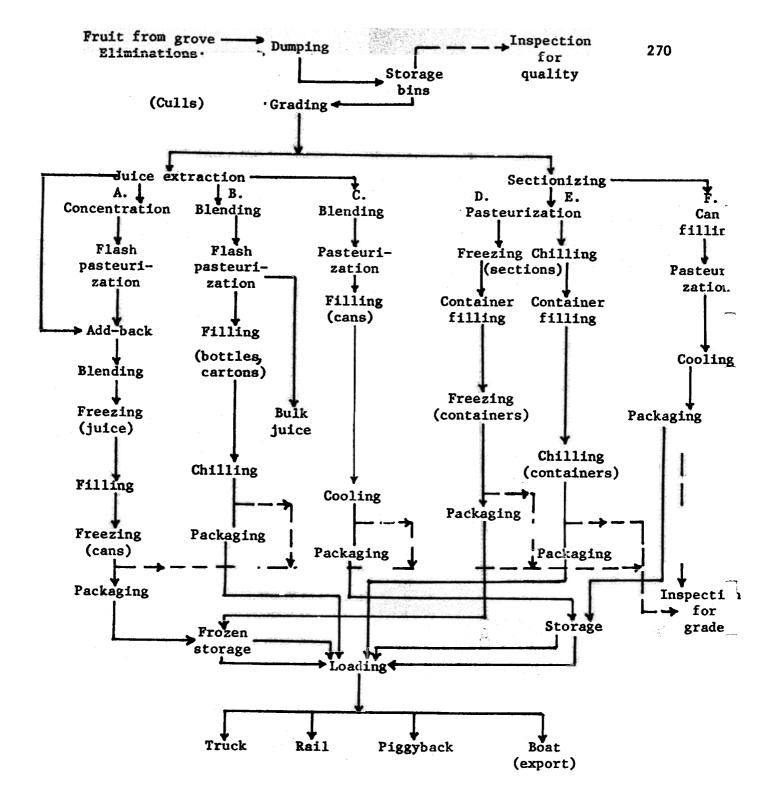
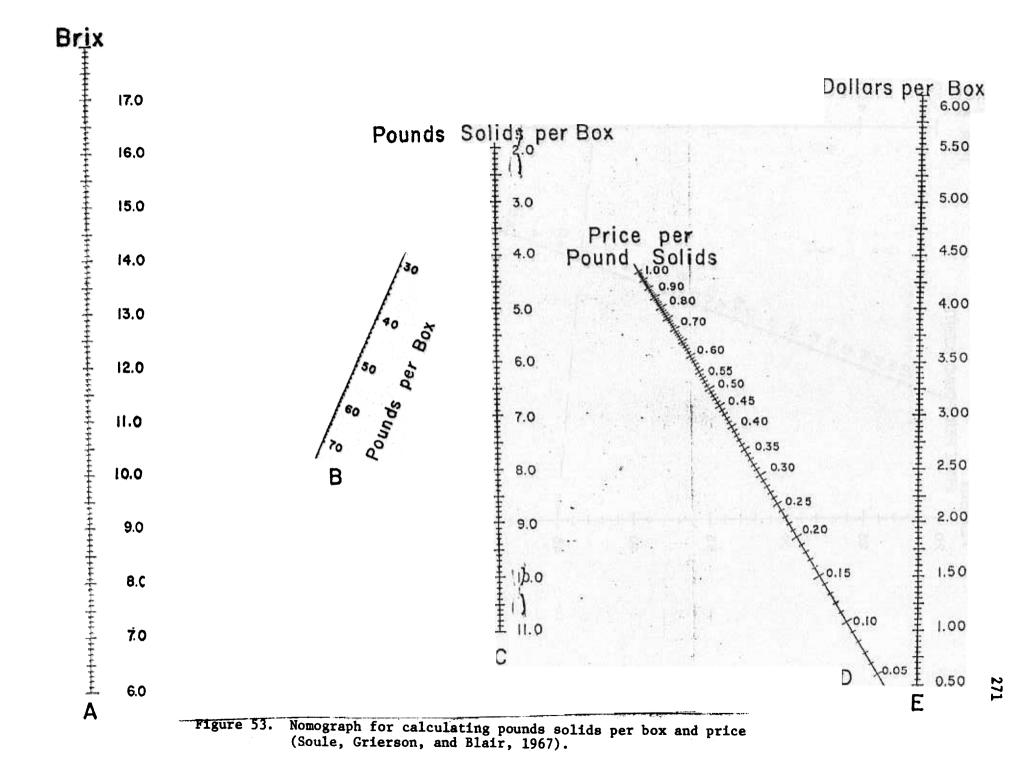


Fig. 52. Cannery flow sheet (A. Frozen concentrated juice, B. Chilled juice, C. Single-strength juice, D. Frozen sections, E. Chilled sections, F. Canned sections.)



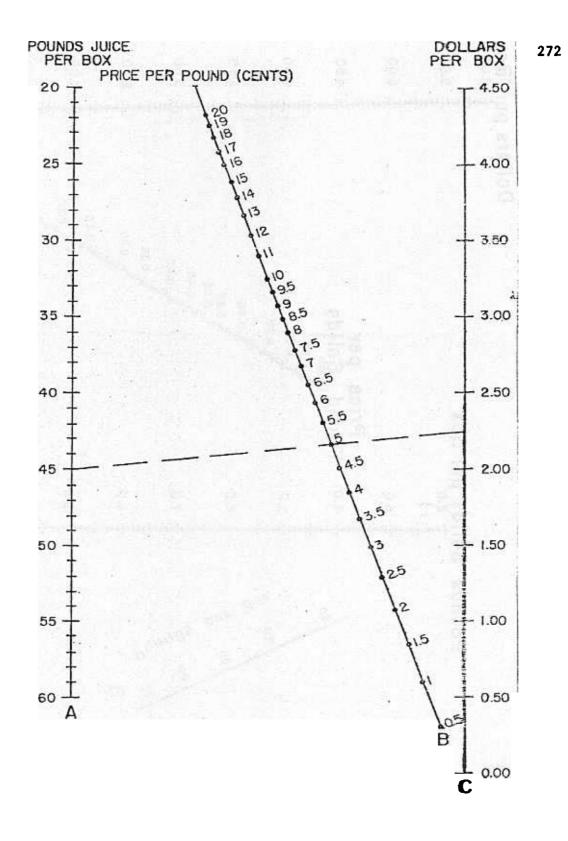


Figure 54. Nomograph for calculating price of pounds juice per box (Soule, Grierson and Blair, 1967).

Table 24. Laws, agencies and boards affecting the Florids citrus industry.

Laws, Rules and Regulations

A. State

- Florida Citrus Laws (Chap. 601. Florida Citrus Code of 1949, as amended): Compendium of citrus laws <u>except</u> Indian River Citrus Area and registration of field boxes (handled by Secretary of State)--passed by Legislature, with changes made once a year.
- 2. Florida Department of Citrus Official Rules (Chapter 20): Spell out provisions of Chapter 601 Florida Statutes; changed frequently after public hearings.
- 3. Florida Food, Drug and Cosmetic Law, as Amended: State counterpart of federal act.
- 4. Florida environmental Protection Law: State counterpart of federal act.
- 5. Florida Department of Environmental Regulation Official Rules: Pollution control. (Now perhaps the biggest single factor in packinghouse operation in the near future. <u>Every one</u> of the 19 Indian River County packinghouses are currently under a "shut down or clean up order" as of April 1978.)
- 6. Business laws: Apply to all businesses, including fruit buyers, packinghouses and canneries.

B. Federal

- 1. U.S. Standards for Grades: Orders issued by U.S. Department of Agriculture (under authority of Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946); amended after public hearings and review; apply to fruit and processed products in <u>interstate</u> commerce.
- 2. Federal-State Marketing Agreements (established under authority of the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act, as Amended):
 - a. Handling Oranges, Grapefruit, Tangerines and Tangelos grown in Florida: Regulates sizes, grades and containers permitted shipment and shipping holidays.
 - b. Grapefruit grown in the Indian River District in Florida: Regulates prorate shipments.
 - c. Grapefruit grown in the Interior District in Florida: Regulates prorate shipments.

- 3. U.S. Department of Agriculture Marketing Agreement Regulations: Grower-shipper committees make recommendations for marketing policy at the beginning of a season and for changes in regulations periodically during the season.
- 4. Other federal laws and regulations (long list):
 - a. Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, as Amended (postharvest handling)
 - b. Food and Drug Administration: Regulations on residues in or on fruit, misbranding, etc.
 - c. Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act, as Amended (preharvest and postharvest pesticides).
 - d. Environmental Protection Act (pollution control)
 - e. Environmental Protection Agency: Regulations on pollutants of all kinds.
 - f. Occupational Safety and Hazards Act (industrial and farm safety).
 - g. Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act (dealings with buyers).
 - h. Fair Labor Standards Act (wage and hour law)
 - i. Clayton Act; Robinson-Patman Act (antitrust laws, operation of cooperatives).
 - j. Regulations of U.S. Departments of Agriculture (P.A.C.A.), F.L.S.H., Labor (OSHA), Health, Education and Welfare, etc.

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C. Foreign

Pure Food Laws of Canada, United Kingdom, West Germany, Japan, France, Italy, etc.

Agencies and Boards

- A. State
 - Florida Citrus Commission: 12 men from 7 districts (7 growers, 5 handlers including 2 for fresh fruit, 3 for canneries-1 or latter from Polk County); appointed by Governor for 3-year terms Districts are shown in Fig. 47.

- 2. Florida Department of Citrus: Administers citrus laws and issues Official Rules.
- 3. Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Fruit and Vegetable Inspection: Enforces citrus laws and Florida Dept. of Citrus Official Rules, including inspection of fruit for compliance with Florida maturity and grade standards. Inspectors are also licensed by the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture to enforce U.S. standards for grades, and Marketing Agreement regulations on fresh fruit.
- 4. Florida Department of Environmental Regulation: Enforces Official Rules on pollution (see comment made above).

B. Federal

U.S. Department of Agriculture: Administers Marketing Agreements and regulations issued under them; federal (U.S. Dept. Agr.) inspectors enforce U.S. standards for grades of processed products.

- 2. Growers and Shippers Administrative Committee: Members and alternates representing growers, fresh fruit shippers and processors are elected annually from 7 districts (Fig. 48). They make recommendations, which are used as the basis for regulations issued by the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, on changes in the current Citrus Marketing Agreement regulations after public hearings. Regulation areas of the Citrus and Grapefruit Marketing Agreements are shown in Fig. 49. (Regulation Area II is the Indian River Citrus Area as defined in the Florida Statutes of 1941.)
- 3. Indian River Grapefruit Committee: Six growers and 6 shippers elected annually; makes recommendations on changes in regulations covering prorate shipments of grapefruit from the Indian River district.
- C. <u>Private</u> (long list).
 - 1. Florida Citrus Mutual
 - 2. Sealdsweet (formerly Florida Citrus Exchange)
 - 3. Florida Citrus Packers Association
 - 4. Florida Gift Fruit Shippers Association
 - 5. Indian River Citrus League
 - 6. Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association
 - 7. Growers and Shippers League
 - 8. Florida Citrus Canners Association ETC.

Rule	Subject
	A. Rules of General Application
20-1	Dealers license application, bond, etc.
20-2	Identification and records on fruit
20-3	Monthly reports by citrus and fruit dealers
20-8	Payment of inspection fees
20-9	Payment of excise taxes
20-10	Issuance and use of permits
20-11	Point of inspection
20-12	Testing for freeze damage
20-13	Classification and maturity for hybrids ['Temple', 'Murcott tangelos, etc.]
	B. Rules Applying to Fresh Fruit
20-30	Registration of packinghouses
20-31	Coloring room practices [Degreening rooms]
20-32	Artificial coloring of fresh fruit [Color add]
20-33	Fungicide treatment
20-34	Fresh fruit maturity
20-35	Grade and quality standardsfresh fruit
20-36	Tree run grade
20-37	Determining grade of fresh fruit
20-38	Export tolerance for fresh fruit
20-39	Containers, packs, stamping, and labeling
20-40	Loading manifests
20-41	Certificate of inspection
20-42	Registration of brands for grade
20-43	Bonded shipper or bonded dealer
20-44	Roadside and gift fruitinspection, grades and labeling
20-45	Brand advertising rebatesfresh fruit
	C. Rules Applying to Processed Products
20-60	Registration of processing plant
20-61	Maturity testsprocessed citrus
20-62	Processing unwholesome fruit
20-63	Reporting processing yields
20-64	Grade standardsprocessed citrus products
20-65	Color gradingprocessed orange products
20-66	Labelingprocessed products
20-67	Institutional packs 4 + 1 FCOJ
20-68	Brix tables for concentrated citrus juices
20-69	Processing imported fruit and products

Table 25. Florida Department of Citrus Official Rules applicable to packinghouses and canneries.

Table 25. (cont.)

Rule	Subject					
20-70	Designation of grade on container, registration of labels for grade and notice of intent to label					
20-71	Manifests for processed products					
20-72	Certificate of grade inspection					
20-73	Processed grapefruit brand advertising rebate					
	D. Rules Applying to General Subjects					
20-90	Florida OJ for school marketing program					
20-91	Special campaign orders-adoption of					
20-92	"OJ" certification mark					
20-93	Florida Citrus certification mark					
20-94	Florida Sunshine Tree certification mark					
20-95	Sunshine Tree certification mark					

	Color	Juice	Brix	Acid	Brix/Acid Ratio	
Fruit	Break	Content			Required	Minimum
Oranges'	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Grapefruit	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Үев
Tangerines	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
"Temples"	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Tangelos	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
'Murcotts'	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes
Lemons ^e	No	Yes'	No	No	No	No
Limes [*]	No	Yes'	No	No	No	No

Table 26. Factors in maturity tests of fresh citrus (Soule, Grierson and Blair, 1967).

Notes: 1. For appropriate Brix. 2. Separate standards for natural color and color added fruit. 3. Gallons per 1-3/5 bushel box.

4. Cubic centimeters per fruit.

5. Separate standards for seeded, white seedless, and pink and red seedless varieties.

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6. No specific Florida standards; California standards

Volume basis.
 Restrictions on size of fruit.

Table 27. Factors used in maturity (quality) tests of cannery fruit (Soule, Grierson and Blair, 1967).

	Color	Juice Content	Brix	Acid	Brix/Acid Ratio	
Fruit	Break				Required'	Minimum
Oranges*	No				Yes	Yes
Grapefruit*	No			No	Yes	
Tangerines*				Yes	Yes	
'Temples'*	No				Yes	Yes
Tangelos*	No			No	Yes	
'Murcotts"	No			Yes	Yes	
Lemons	Yes*			No	No	
Limes		Yes*			No	No

•From August 1 through November 30, fruit must meet fresh fruit standards (Table 4).

Notes: 1. December 1, through July 31, unless noted otherwise. 2. Required ratio applies until January 1. 3. No color break after November 15.

Standards for oranges apply. 4.

5. Volume basis.

	Diameter (cm)			Juice/fruit	Approx.	Approx. % Juice	
Size ^y	Min	Max.	Ave.	(cc)	v/vX	w/w ^w	
18	12.7	14.1	13.4	335	26.5	30.9	
23	11.9	13.3	12.6	305	28.8	33.6	
27	11.1	12.5	11.8	270	31.1	36.3	
32	10.6	12.1	11.4	240	31.1	36.3	
35	10.0	11.4	10.7	220	34.0	39.7	
40	9.5	11.0	10.2	200	35.4	41.3	
48	9.1	10.5	9.8	180	37.1	43.3	
56	8.7	10.2	9.4	170	38.4	44.8	

Table 28a. Florida grapefruit juice standards. (Nov. 16 to March 1²) expressed in metric and as % juice (From Grierson and Ting, 1978).

^zi.e., for most of the harvesting season. See also Table 2.

^yAs number of fruit per 4/5 bushel (28.2 liter) carton.

^xPresumes fruit approximately spherical.

^WPresumes specific gravity of fruit = 0.9 and of juice 1.05.

Period	Formula ^z				
reriod	x = diam. in 1/32"	x = diam. in mm			
1 - Nov. 15	y = 3.5x - 240	y = 4.41x = 240			
16 - Mar. 1	y = 3.4x - 238	y = 4.28x - 238			
2 - July 31	y = 3.3x - 236	y = 4.16x - 236			

Table 28b.	Florida juice requirements for grapefruit expressed as
	regression formulas. (From Grierson and Ting.)

 z_y = required juice volume in cc's. Tables or graphs of juice required for any diameter of fruit can be constructed from these formulas.

Table 29. Equipment for maturity tests of fresh fruit (Soule, Grierson and Blair, 1967).

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<sup>a</sup>Extractor--Automatic Machinery Corp. Model 2700 or equivalent.
Hand reamer, with orange and grapefruit burrs.
Cheese cloth, #60 or #80 mesh; collander; or strainer.
Pans (2)--0.5 gal., metal or plastic, round
Graduate--500cc., with smooth lip
Graduate--500cc., with pouring lip
Hydrometer--scaled from 5 to 15 degrees Brix in 0.1 degree divisions
    (Calibrated at 20°C)
Thermometer--centigrade--scaled from 0 to 50 degrees in 0.1 degree divisions
Erlenmeyer flask (2)--125 cc.
Burette, direct reading--calibrated to read percent anhydrous citric acid,
   scaled in 0.01 percent divisions, capacity 2.85 percent
Juicer--25 cc.
Burette stand
Funnel, small
Official fruit sizer
Medicine dropper and dropping bottle
Maturity chart
Juice chart for oranges
Standard sodium hydroxide solution (0.3125N)
Phenolphthalein indicator solution
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^aRequired for packinghouses shipping over 200,000 4/5 bu. boxes

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Table 30. Additional equipment for maturity tests of cannery fruit (Soule, Grierson and Blair, 1967).
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A. Items furnished by processor

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Mechanical sampler
Extractor--FMC Model 091 B with automatic feed
Scale--60 lb capacity, with 1 oz or 0.05 lb graduations
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B. Items furnished by Fruit and Vegetable Inspection Division