

When to Pick Citrus Before a Freeze

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Q: A freeze is predicted for this week. Should I harvest my lemons now?

A: Predictions are often incorrect so it is best to wait before harvesting all your citrus. Fruit freezes if the temperatures drop to 26-28 degrees for several hours. With temperatures of 32 you may have foliage damage but the fruit will be fine left on the tree. Learn more at https://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/newsletters/hortupdate/2011/mar/citrus_freeze.html

