



# 2023 California Walnut Nursery Sales Report



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## RESULTS

Combined sales of walnut trees to California growers were 1,580 acres for the 2023 crop year and 2,792 acres for the 2022 crop year. The majority of tree sales in 2023 were the Chandler variety, at 48% of new plantings. Seedlings came in second at 42%. For 2022, the Chandler variety was again the largest percentage of new plantings at 50%, with Seedlings coming in second at 47%. Each of the remaining varieties accounted for 1% or less of the total and were grouped together in the graph under Other.

## OBJECTIVE

The primary objective of the California Walnut Nursery Sales Report survey is to estimate planted acres by variety for the 2022 and 2023 crop years based on the number of walnut trees sold for new plantings. This report summarizes data supplied by California nurseries throughout the State who sold to walnut growers for commercial plantings. Results from this survey will be used in conjunction with the Walnut Acreage Survey to estimate the walnut acres in California.

## PROCEDURES

Questionnaires were mailed to all known walnut nurseries in California, and responses were received from most operations. Nurseries that did not report data were estimated. The nurseries were asked to report the number of trees sold by variety for commercial plantings, and to estimate the percentage of trees sold for new plantings. Acres planted by variety were then estimated based on the data reported. Acre estimates were calculated using the reported number of trees sold, along with the trees per acre by variety from the Walnut Acreage Survey.

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**Walnut Nursery Sales Survey**  
Calculated Acres Planted

| Variety                 | 2017   | 2018   | 2019   | 2020   | 2021  | 2022  | 2023  |
|-------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|
| Chandler                | 4,832  | 5,979  | 5,042  | 3,708  | 1,904 | 1,403 | 764   |
| Franquette <sup>1</sup> | 47     | 89     | 23     | 2      | 1     | -     | -     |
| Hartley                 | 99     | 29     | 5      | 22     | 7     | 9     | 4     |
| Howard                  | 120    | 528    | 363    | 209    | 132   | 8     | 19    |
| Ivanhoe <sup>1</sup>    | 750    | 723    | 248    | 91     | 67    | -     | -     |
| Payne <sup>2</sup>      | 2      | 0      | 0      | -      | -     | -     | -     |
| Serr <sup>2</sup>       | 8      | 0      | 0      | -      | -     | -     | -     |
| Tulare                  | 982    | 362    | 268    | 326    | 154   | 12    | 15    |
| Vina <sup>2</sup>       | 11     | 0      | 0      | -      | -     | -     | -     |
| Seedlings               | 3,118  | 4,248  | 6,924  | 6,157  | 3,997 | 1,298 | 663   |
| Other                   | 178    | 166    | 180    | 135    | 182   | 62    | 116   |
| Total <sup>3</sup>      | 10,148 | 12,123 | 13,052 | 10,650 | 6,444 | 2,792 | 1,580 |

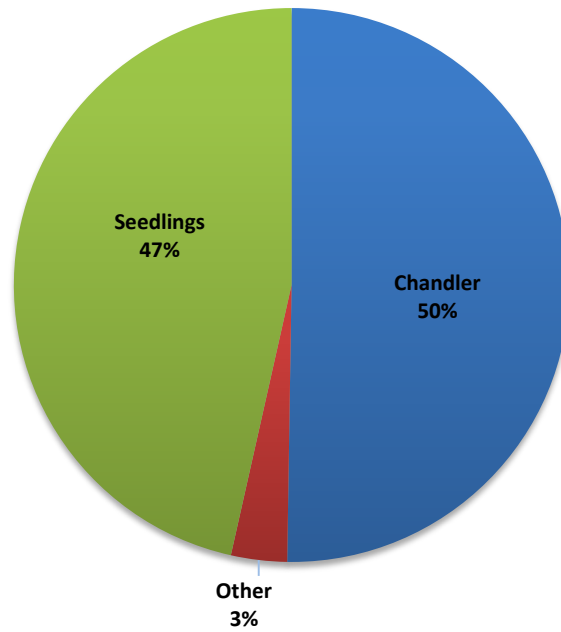
<sup>1</sup> The varieties Franquette and Ivanhoe are included in the Other category beginning in 2022.

<sup>2</sup> The varieties Payne, Serr, and Vina are included in the Other category beginning in 2020.

<sup>3</sup> Totals may not add due to rounding.

Source: USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, Pacific Regional Office

**2022**  
**Percentage of Acres Planted by Variety**



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