

# 1997 California Almond Forecast



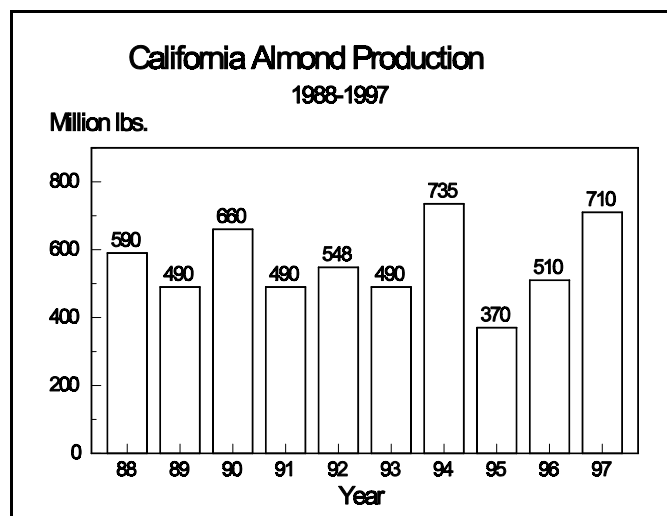
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## RESULTS

The initial forecast for 1997 California almond production is **710 million pounds**. This is up 39 percent from last year's crop of 510 million pounds. Estimated bearing acreage for 1997 is 420,000. The forecast is based on calls made to a sample of almond growers from April 28-May 5. Responses were received from 231 growers representing 17 percent of the total bearing acreage. Statewide bloom has been excellent. A relatively warm, dry and mild spring has resulted in a heavy bloom coming about one week earlier than last year. Yields are expected to be high throughout the state with the best crop conditions in the Sacramento Valley and the Southern San Joaquin Valley.



## PROCEDURES

Results of the subjective survey are based on opinions obtained from growers. The sample of growers changes from year to year and is grouped by size so all growers will be represented. Each selected grower is asked to indicate their almond yield from last year and expected yield for the current year.

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