



2007 California Almond Forecast

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RESULTS

The initial forecast for the 2007 California almond production is 1.31 billion pounds. This is 17 percent above last year's revised production of 1.12 billion pounds. Estimated bearing acreage for 2007 is 615 thousand. This forecast is based on a telephone survey conducted April 23 - May 2 from a sample of almond growers. Of the 470 growers sampled, 340 reported. Acreage from these reports accounted for 27 percent of the total bearing acreage.

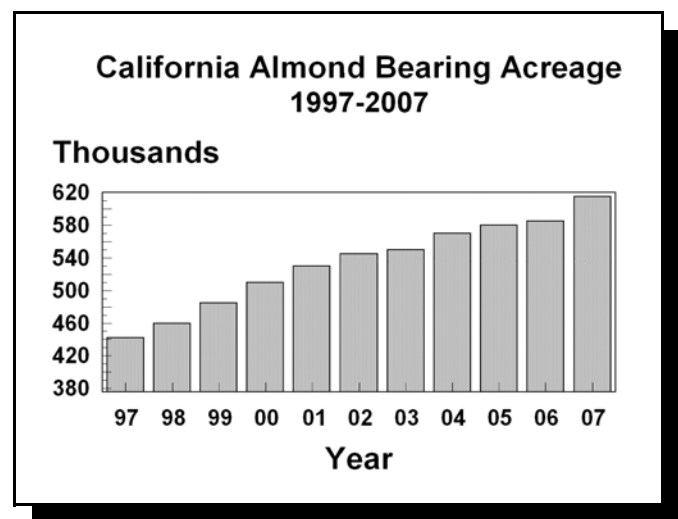
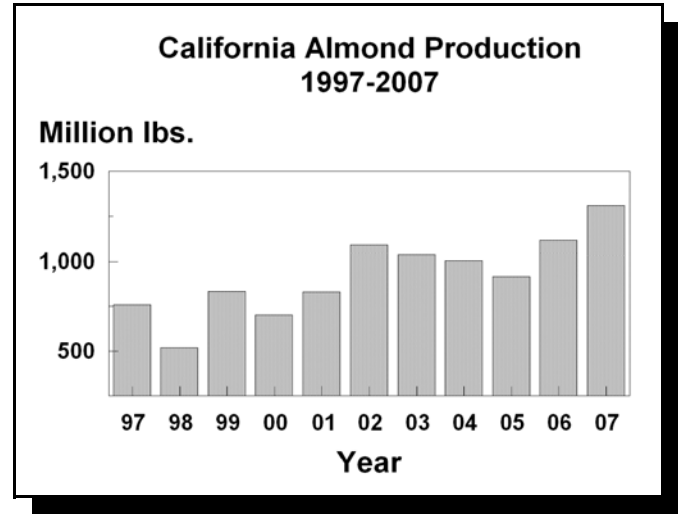
The California 2007 almond set looks very strong. There was no difficulty accumulating chill hours over the winter, and there was a sufficient bee presence in orchards during pollination. In general, California weather cooperated during pollination. Some almond tree limbs are reported to be bowing and splitting under the weight of the heavy set. Throughout the Central Valley, the set of the popular Nonpareil variety is uniformly heavy.

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 of operation, so all growers will be represented. Each selected grower is asked to indicate their almond yield per acre from last year and expected yield for the current year.

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California Almond Acreage, Production and Value, 1995-2007

Year	Bearing	Non-Bearing	Production	Yield Per Acre	Price Per Pound ^{1/}	Value of Production ^{1/}
	<i>Acres</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
1995	418,000	65,700	370	890	2.48	880,896
1996	428,000	72,400	510	1,190	2.08	1,018,368
1997	442,000	63,000	759	1,720	1.56	1,160,640
1998	460,000	120,000	520	1,130	1.41	703,590
1999	485,000	115,000	833	1,720	0.86	687,742
2000	510,000	100,000	703	1,380	0.97	666,487
2001	530,000	75,000	830	1,570	0.91	740,012
2002	545,000	65,000	1,090	2,000	1.11	1,200,687
2003	550,000	60,000	1,040	1,890	1.57	1,600,144
2004	570,000	70,000	1,005	1,760	2.21	2,189,005
2005	580,000	110,000	915	1,580	2.81	2,525,909
2006 ^{2/}	585,000	145,000	1,115	1,910	2.05	2,237,165
2007 ^{3/}	615,000	N/A	1,310	2,130	N/A	N/A

^{1/} Price and value are based on the edible portion of the crop only. Inedible production for 2006 is estimated to be 23.7 million pounds.

^{2/} Revised production, yield and value.

^{3/} Preliminary

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