

SPECIAL ALMOND FORECAST

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California's 1967 almond crop is now forecast at 81,000 tons in shell, down 6 percent from last year, but 26 percent above average.

This special forecast is based upon objective measurement data collected in the field beginning the latter part of April and continuing into May.

Almonds bloomed during a short duration of favorable weather, which was followed by an extended period of cool, rainy weather. The resulting set is spotted. The Mission and Non-pareil varieties have sets below last year while the Ne Plus variety has a slightly larger set. Fewer nuts per tree is largely offset by an anticipated increase in bearing acreage.

The next forecast of 1967 almond production will be released at 3:00 p.m. EDT, June 9, 1967.

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