

Walnut Production



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Walnut Production Up 23 Percent

The 1993 California walnut production is forecast at 250,000 tons, up 23 percent from last year's small crop but 3 percent less than the record high in 1991. This month's forecast is based on objective survey data and remains unchanged from July.

The average number of nuts per tree is 29 percent higher than last year. The Hartley nut set is up 37 percent, the Franquette set is up 26 percent, and the Serr variety set is up 78 percent. Growers report blight damage on early maturing varieties. Some sunburn also occurred near the end of July. Harvest is expected to begin during the second week of September on early maturing varieties.

Walnuts (In-shell basis): Utilized Production,
California, 1991-92 and Forecasted 1993

State	Utilized Production		
	1991	1992	1993
	Tons		
CA	259,000	203,000	250,000

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