

Walnut Production



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Walnut Production Down 5 Percent

The 1995 California walnut production forecast is 220,000 tons, down 5 percent from 1994's production of 232,000 tons. This is down 10 percent from the July forecast.

The average nut set per tree is 1,777, virtually unchanged from 1994's average of 1,773. The Hartley average nut set was up 16 percent, the Franquette, down 16 percent, and the Serr, down 15 percent. Of the nuts sampled, 93.1 percent were sound. The average in-shell weight per nut was 20.8 grams, down 6 percent from the previous year.

Winter and spring storms did not affect the late bloom period. Blight was visible even in varieties which tend to be blight-free. A substantial amount of sunburn damage was also noted.

Walnuts: Bearing Acreage, Yield, and Utilized Production California, 1993-94 and Forecasted 1995

State	Bearing Acreage			Yield per Acre		
	1993	1994	1995	1993	1994	1995
	Acres			Tons		
CA	176,000	171,000	170,000	1.48	1.36	1.29
	Utilized Production					
	1993		1994		1995	
	Tons					
CA (In-shell basis)	260,000		232,000		220,000	

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