## Almond Production



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1992 Almond Crop Up 12 Percent From Last Year

The 1992 almond production in California is forecast at 550 million pounds (shelled basis), down 4 percent from the June forecast but up 12 percent from last year. This forecast is based on an estimated bearing acreage of 380,000 acres.

The 1992 almond crop appears to be in good condition with progress approximately two weeks ahead of last year. Generally, trees in the southern San Joaquin Valley show a lighter nut set and trees in the northern Sacramento Valley have a heavier set. Overall nut set is higher than last year. The low set in the San Joaquin Valley may be the result of last year's reduced water supply. Insects are also a potential problem, they have appeared earlier in the growing season and in larger numbers.

## Almonds (Shelled Basis): Utilized Production, California, 1990-91 and Forecasted 1992

State	:	Utilize	: : 1992			
	:	1990	: 1991	:		
	:	: 1,000 Pounds				
CA	:	660,000	490,000	550,000		

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