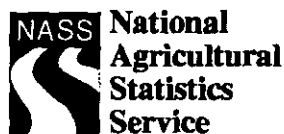


Almond Production



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Almond Production Down 58 Percent From Last Year

California's 1995 almond production is forecast at 310 million meat pounds, down 28 percent from the May forecast and down 58 percent from last year's record high. Bearing acreage is revised to 390,000 acres. Production from the Nonpareil variety, which represents 52 percent of the total, is forecast at 160 million meat pounds, down 55 percent from last season.

The average nut set per tree is 3,792, down 54 percent from 1994. The Nonpareil average nut set, at 3,851 represents a 51 percent decrease from last year's set. The average kernel weight for all varieties sampled was 1.91, up 17 percent from last year. A total of 95.4 percent of the nuts sampled were sound.

Warm winter temperatures led to an early bloom period this year. Heavy rain and winds during the bloom period resulted in bloom loss and pollination problems. Tree conditions and nut sets vary within the orchards while nut sizes range from normal to large. Crop development is behind normal due to the cool, wet weather in March.

Almonds: 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			Pounds		
CA	402,000	403,000	390,000	1,220	1,810	795
	Utilized Production					
	1993		1994		1995	
	1,000 Pounds					
CA (Shelled basis)	490,000		730,000		310,000	

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