

Almond Production



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Almond Production Up 43 Percent From Last Year

California's 1996 almond production is forecast at 530 million meat pounds, up 2 percent from May's subjective forecast and up 43 percent from last year's crop. This forecast is based on an estimated bearing acreage of 410,000 acres. Production from the Nonpareil variety is forecast at 250 million meat pounds, up 52 percent from last season.

The average nut set per tree is 5,482, up 45 percent from 1995. The Nonpareil average nut set is 4,963, an increase of 29 percent over the previous year's set. The average kernel weight for all varieties sampled was 1.85 grams, down 3 percent from last year. A total of 97.0 percent of the nuts sampled were sound.

Statewide, bloom reports varied from good to excellent. Cold weather and intermittent rain storms during February and March hampered pollination.

Almonds: Bearing Acreage, Yield and Utilized Production,
California, 1994-95 and Forecasted 1996

State	Bearing Acreage			Yield per Acre		
	1994	1995	1996	1994	1995	1996
	Acres			Pounds		
CA	409,000	400,000	410,000	1,800	925	1,290
	Utilized Production					
	1994		1995		1996	
	1,000 Pounds					
CA (Shelled basis)	735,000		370,000		530,000	

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