

Pistachio Production



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1990 PISTACHIO CROP AT RECORD HIGH LEVEL

The 1990 California pistachio production is estimated at a record high 115 million pounds (in-shell). This is almost 3 times greater than last season's crop and 22 percent above the previous record high established in 1988. The large increase is primarily due to the alternate bearing cycle of the pistachio crop. Bearing acreage also increased 6 percent from 1989 to 51.5 thousand acres.

This increase in production stems from the increase in total clusters per tree which are up 25 percent from 1988, while nuts per cluster are down 4 percent for the same period. Quality is expected to be good. Harvest will begin in early September and should be in full swing by mid-September.

PISTACHIO NUTS

STATE	PRODUCTION			IND 1990
	UTILIZED		:	
	1988	1989		
1,000 POUNDS (IN-SHELL BASIS)				
CALIF	:	:	:	:
MARKETABLE IN-SHELL	76,100	33,000	:	1/
SHELLING STOCK	17,900	6,000	:	1/
TOTAL	94,000	39,000	:	115,000

1/ PRODUCTION BY TYPE OF SALE WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE "NON-CITRUS FRUITS AND NUTS PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES" TO BE RELEASED IN JANUARY, 1991.

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