

# Pistachio Production



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## Pistachio Production Down 59 Percent

The 1991 California pistachio production is forecast at 48.0 million pounds (in-shell), down 59 percent from last year's record high production. The large decrease is primarily due to the alternate bearing cycle of the pistachio crop. Drought conditions and the December freeze have had little affect on the current crop.

The decrease in production stems from total clusters per tree being down significantly from last year. Nut sizes are expected to be large with good quality and less nut blanking. Harvest is seven to ten days behind normal and will be in full swing by late September.

Pistachio Nuts			
State	Production		
	Utilized		Ind
	1989	1990	1991
1,000 Pounds (In-Shell Basis)			
CA			
Marketable In-Shell	33,000	93,000	1/
Shelling Stock	6,000	25,000	1/
Total	39,000	118,000	48,000

1/ Production by type of sale will be published in the "Non-Citrus Fruits and Nuts Preliminary" to be released in January, 1992.

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