

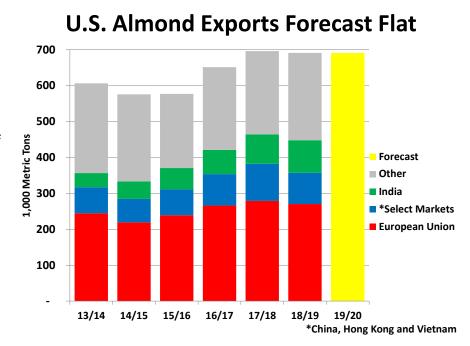
United States

Tree Nuts: World Markets and Trade

Almonds

Global almond production for 2019/20 is forecast 3 percent lower to 1.3 million metric tons (tons) shelled basis, as losses in the United States and the European Union more than offset gains in Australia and China. With lower available supply, consumption as well as ending stocks are expected to fall. Global exports are expected nearly unchanged at 807,000 tons.

U.S. production is forecast down 4 percent to 998,000 tons as lower yields more than offset higher bearing area. Yields were driven sharply lower by an 18percent-reduction in the average nut set per tree, while the average kernel weight was unchanged. The crop experienced unusual weather, for example, significant rainfall during the bloom hindered pollination. Strong winds were reported to have damaged trees and knocked off some nuts. Instances of rain persisted through April and May, prompting concerns about disease pressure and warranting



extra fungal applications. Cooler-than-average temperatures continued throughout the growing season, pushing crop development about one week behind last year. Exports are forecast flat at 690,000 tons as higher shipments to the European Union, Japan, and the Middle East offset lower exports to China, India, and Turkey. Ending stocks are expected to drop by nearly 20 percent to 117,000 tons as inventories are drawn down to satisfy demand.

EU production is forecast down 2 percent to 121,000 tons as lower output in Spain more than offsets a modest gain in Italy. Import demand is expected unchanged at 285,000 tons on flat demand from the food ingredient, snack food, and confectionary industries.

Australia's production is forecast to gain 3 percent to a record 95,000 tons on a modest rise in both area and yield. A majority of production occurs in the Riverina region of New South Wales, the Swan Hill and Sunraysia regions of Victoria, and the Riverland and Adelaide regions of South Australia. Exports are forecast 4-percent higher to 75,000 tons on higher shipments to the European Union and China.

China's imports are forecast nearly unchanged at 100,000 tons due primarily to higher tariffs for U.S. almonds, which have risen to 60 percent. These tariffs are in addition to the 10-percent Value-Added Tax applied to domestic and imported almonds. Prior to the implementation of tariffs for U.S. almonds, To receive the circular via email, register at: https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDAFAS/subscriber/new

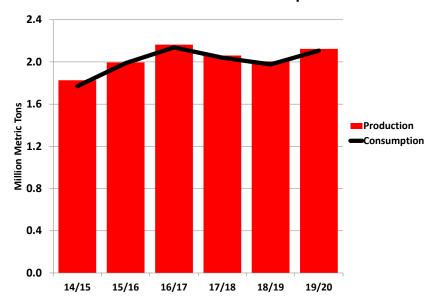
China's imports had been rising for several years, driven by higher demand from food manufacturers as well as the snack food sector.

India's imports are forecast unchanged at 105,000 tons as demand stalls due to higher tariffs. In May 2018, India's Ministry of Finance announced an increase in the basic customs duty for shelled almonds from 65 Rupees per kilogram to 100 Rupees per kilogram. The tariff for in-shell almonds was unchanged at 35 Rupees per kilogram. In June 2019, tariffs for the United States were further increased to 120 Rupees per kilogram for shelled almonds and 41 Rupees per kilogram for in-shell almonds. These tariffs are in addition to a 12-percent tax on both domestic and imported almonds implemented in July 2017. However, consumption is expected to continue growing, drawing down ending stocks.

Walnuts

Global walnut production for 2019/20 is forecast up 6 percent to 2.1 million tons in-shell basis as higher production in China more than offsets lower output in the United States. World consumption is expected to rise 7 percent on the strength of China's output. Global exports are expected up slightly to 816,000 tons as gains in China and Chile more than offset losses in the United States and Ukraine. World ending stocks are forecast to continue drifting lower to 107,000 tons.

World Walnut Production and Consumption to Rebound



China's production is forecast up

18 percent to 1.0 million tons on favorable growing conditions following last year's weather-related shortfalls in top producing regions. Although domestic consumption is expected to account for over 90 percent of output, exports have risen sharply in recent years and this trend is expected to continue. Imports are forecast down nearly 25 percent to just 20,000 tons, the fourth year of double-digit declines as consumers increasingly rely on domestic output.

U.S. production is forecast down 7 percent to 570,000 tons as lower yields more than offset greater bearing area. Yields were driven sharply lower by a 16-percent reduction in the average nut set per tree, while the average kernel weight was nearly unchanged. The season began with record amounts of rain during the winter and spring months, and the bloom was 7 to 10 days later than normal. Localized weather conditions resulted in variable crop development across California where production is concentrated. Although consumption is expected nearly unchanged, it should remain at an elevated level for a fourth consecutive year. Exports account for a substantial portion of output and are forecast 2 percent lower to 420,000 tons on lower shipments to the EU, Turkey, and Japan. With lower available supply, stocks are expected to drop nearly 20 percent to 49,000 tons.

Chile's production is forecast to rise 3 percent to a record 160,000 tons as continued area expansion more than offsets lower yields following heavy rains and below average temperatures during the spring. Exports are expected to rise 7 percent to 160,000 tons on strong shipments to the European Union and Turkey. To supply modest domestic consumption, stocks from last year's record harvest are expected to be drawn down.

EU production is forecast down 4 percent to 125,000 tons on modest reductions in France and Romania. Imports are expected up slightly to 290,000 tons on higher use in the snack foods and cooking ingredients on the retail side and pastries on the industrial side.

Ukraine's production is forecast to drop 5 percent to 121,000 tons, despite slightly higher bearing acreage as dry conditions lowered yields. With lower available supplies, exports to China and the European Union are forecast to fall nearly 20 percent to 85,000 tons.

Pistachios

Note: This publication only includes updated 2018/19 data because U.S. production data for 2019/20 is not available.

Global production for 2018/19 gained 20 percent from the previous year to 780,000 tons on rebounding yields and output in the United States and Turkey, more than offsetting a sharp decline in Iran. With higher available supplies, world consumption reached a record 731,000 tons. However, global exports dropped 8 percent to 347,000 tons due to lower available supplies in Iran.

Iran's production plunged over 75 percent to just 52,000 tons. The Iranian Pistachio Association reported that a weather shock occurred during bud-break in Kerman province, significantly reducing yields in this top-producing region. Exports plummeted two-thirds to just 50,000 tons on significantly lower shipments to China, the European Union, and Turkey.

U.S. production jumped nearly two-thirds to a record 448,000 tons due to high yields from the on-year of the alternate bearing crop cycle as well as increased bearing area. With limited competition from Iran, U.S. exports gained 30 percent to a record 279,000 tons on higher shipments to China, the European Union, and Canada.

Turkey's production skyrocketed over 160 percent to a record 210,000 tons. Last year's crop was particularly small as poor weather coincided with the production cycle's off-year. However, most production is not traded, so domestic consumption nearly doubled.

China's imports eased 12 percent to 98,000 on limited shipments from Iran. Despite high retaliatory tariffs for U.S. pistachios, imports from the United States expanded to satisfy domestic demand.

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Almond Summary Metric Tons, Shelled Basis

	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	Oct 2019/20
Production						
United States	848,220	861,830	970,690	1,029,650	1,034,190	997,900
European Union	79,700	95,000	98,700	109,500	123,800	121,000
Australia	82,500	82,300	79,500	76,000	92,000	95,000
China	9,500	30,000	40,000	43,000	43,000	45,000
Turkey	13,000	14,000	14,000	15,000	16,000	15,000
Other	12,900	11,700	12,100	13,500	15,500	16,000
Total	1,045,820	1,094,830	1,214,990	1,286,650	1,324,490	1,289,900
Domestic Consumption						
European Union	308,700	346,700	374,700	385,500	385,000	381,000
United States	274,851	283,064	337,296	366,202	376,003	350,000
China	57,800	87,500	107,200	126,400	142,000	145,000
India	64,800	84,900	90,000	92,100	110,300	114,500
Japan	38,100	29,300	31,500	36,400	40,700	42,000
Canada	35,000	32,800	35,500	35,600	37,100	38,000
United Arab Emirates	61,500	35,000	36,500	38,200	36,300	35,000
Korea, South	25,800	22,100	25,600	23,700	26,800	28,000
Turkey	30,800	28,300	35,200	32,900	27,100	25,000
Australia	25,000	28,300	30,200	28,100	24,500	22,400
Other	75,300	73,800	90,400	82,700	81,800	82,700
Total	997,651	1,051,764	1,194,096	1,247,802	1,287,603	1,263,600
Ending Stocks						
United States	170,829	186,881	180,837	162,846	144,387	117,287
India	29,800	20,700	23,500	36,000	35,000	30,000
European Union	20,000	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000
Australia	9,400	11,600	10,900	4,600	2,200	2,000
Chile	500	500	500	500	500	400
Other	500	500	500	400	400	400
Total	231,029	238,181	234,237	222,346	200,487	168,087
Exports	•	•	•	•	•	,
United States	575,700	577,127	651,497	696,189	691,294	690,000
Australia	58,100	54,300	53,200	56,900	72,000	75,000
European Union	13,300	14,800	15,500	20,700	23,800	25,000
Chile	8,000	6,600	5,500	7,700	9,500	10,000
Turkey	4,800	4,800	7,400	8,300	7,000	7,000
Other	0	0	0	0	0	C
Total	659,900	657,627	733,097	789,789	803,594	807,000
Imports						
European Union	242,300	264,500	291,500	296,700	285,000	285,000
India	63,300	71,800	88,300	100,600	104,800	105,000
China	48,300	57,500	67,200	83,400	99,000	100,000
Japan	38,100	29,300	31,500	36,400	40,700	42,000
Canada	35,000	32,800	35,500	35,600	37,100	38,000
United Arab Emirates	61,500	35,000	36,500	38,200	36,300	35,000
Korea, South	25,800	22,100	25,600	23,700	26,800	28,000
Turkey	22,600	19,100	28,600	26,100	18,100	17,000
United States	14,147	14,413	12,059	14,750	14,648	15,000
Mexico	11,700	10,400	9,800	11,500	12,500	13,000
Saudi Arabia	8,300	7,200	12,000	9,800	11,500	12,000
Russia	4,400	3,100	3,300	3,000	6,700	7,000
Switzerland	5,300	4,600	4,700	5,600	6,000	6,500
Hong Kong	17,400	10,600	12,600	12,500	6,400	6,000
Israel	3,900	4,000	4,700	4,100	5,200	5,000
Other	26,300	35,300	44,400	37,100	34,100	33,800
Total	628,347	621,713	708,259	739,050	744,848	748,300

Marketing year begins in August of the first year of the split year for the United States and other Northern Hemisphere countries. Southern hemisphere countries are on a calendar year basis indicated as the second year of the split year.

Walnut Summary Metric Tons, In-shell Basis

	Metric rolls, Ill-Sileli basis					
	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	Oct 2019/20
Production						
China	900,000	1,000,000	1,060,000	1,000,000	850,000	1,000,000
United States	518,003	549,754	625,050	571,527	613,257	571,52
Chile	81,634	80,000	119,000	126,000	155,000	160,000
European Union	107,900	117,928	116,670	121,000	130,000	125,000
Ukraine	102,740	115,080	108,000	108,660	127,190	120,960
Turkey	40,000	60,000	63,000	58,000	63,000	65,000
India	35,000	33,000	32,000	32,500	34,000	35,000
Other .	40,570	39,100	40,200	43,200	33,000	46,000
Total	1,825,847	1,994,862	2,163,920	2,060,887	2,005,447	2,123,483
Domestic Consumption China	956,400	1 075 500	1,088,400	985,800	912 400	040.000
European Union	278,500	1,075,500	355,170	•	812,400 400,400	940,000 400,000
United States	140,532	310,228	194,435	401,000	183,720	182,564
Turkey	101,100	134,576 142,500	•	171,482	166,500	166,800
United Arab Emirates	14,300	15,100	160,100 32,700	136,200	59,200	60,000
	38,000	40,400	45,800	28,100 49,700	43,500	44,000
Japan India	32,700	43,400	45,500	47,500	42,400	42,000
Ukraine	43,140	39,380	38,986	35,000	29,214	35,500
	33,900	31,400	•	•		33,000
Korea, South	33,900	0	32,100 1,700	28,800 7,600	32,500 34,900	30,000
Kyrgyzstan Other	131,211	155,950	141,868	148,300	171,100	173,000
Total .	1,769,783	1,988,434	2,136,759	2,039,482	1,975,834	2,106,864
Ending Stocks	1,709,703	1,900,454	2,130,733	2,039,402	1,973,034	2,100,00-
United States	75,760	59,121	50,781	57,642	60,037	49,000
European Union	35,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000
India	16,300	12,800	17,800	13,600	14,400	14,400
Turkey	4,000	5,500	6,800	3,800	1,800	2,000
Chile	593	443	400	400	3,200	1,100
Other	1,500	1,400	15,423	7,449	449	649
Total	133,153	119,264	131,204	122,891	119,886	107,149
Exports	133/133	113,201	131,201	122,031	115,000	107,111
United States	364,101	445,748	459,165	409,693	430,454	420,000
Chile	76,800	78,500	116,800	123,700	150,000	160,000
Ukraine	59,600	75,800	55,100	81,900	105,000	85,300
China	14,500	8,300	18,400	45,200	63,500	80,000
Moldova	37,000	34,100	33,500	36,200	25,500	37,000
European Union	16,500	18,300	13,700	12,900	14,600	15,000
Turkey	8,000	6,500	7,800	6,400	7,500	8,000
Other	14,000	11,600	12,900	13,300	9,500	10,500
Total	590,501	678,848	717,365	729,293	806,054	815,800
Imports	330,301	0,0,010	, 1, , 5 6 5	, 25,255	333,03	013,000
European Union	187,100	215,600	252,200	292,900	285,000	290,000
Turkey	68,100	90,500	106,200	81,600	109,000	110,000
United Arab Emirates	14,300	15,100	32,700	28,100	59,200	60,000
Japan	38,000	40,400	45,800	49,700	43,500	44,000
Korea, South	33,900	31,400	32,100	28,800	32,500	33,000
Kyrgyzstan	0	0	1,700	7,600	34,900	30,000
Canada	22,600	24,500	25,800	27,200	28,300	29,000
China	70,900	83,800	46,800	31,000	25,900	20,000
United States	27,402	13,931	20,210	16,509	3,312	20,000
Israel	10,700	13,000	13,200	11,200	17,900	16,000
Pakistan	200	1,700	2,700	7,100	18,800	15,000
Iraq	11,900	19,500	14,300	8,700	11,700	13,000
India	10,400	14,300	23,200	18,500	13,400	12,000
Morocco	1,100	3,000	5,500	7,400	9,600	11,000
Mexico	9,600	13,800	9,200	9,700	10,500	11,000
	75,900				69,924	
Other	/5,900	78,000	70,534	73,566	09,924	72,440

Marketing year begins in September of the first year of the split year for the United States and other Northern Hemisphere countries. Southern hemisphere countries are on a calendar year basis indicated as the second year of the split year.

Pistachio Summary Metric Tons, In-shell Basis

	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	Feb 2018/19	Oct 2018/19
Post desetting	2011,120	2013/ 10	2010/ 17	2017/10	2010/15	2010/15
Production	222 147	122 470	406.646	272 202	450.024	447.60
United States	233,147	122,470	406,646	272,292	450,924	447,696
Turkey	85,000	130,000	155,000	80,000	240,000	210,000
Syria	29,000	35,000	58,000	56,500	60,000	60,000
Iran	230,000	210,000	153,000	225,000	52,000	52,000
European Union	13,000	13,800	8,400	15,000	10,800	10,800
Other	0	0	0	0	0	(
Total	590,147	511,270	781,046	648,792	813,724	780,496
Domestic Consumption						
Turkey	104,070	126,550	156,700	102,900	205,500	183,400
United States	62,285	69,742	127,977	127,438	149,880	157,923
European Union	83,100	82,350	96,500	101,800	94,800	107,700
China	81,900	70,550	115,100	111,500	100,000	98,000
Syria	29,050	34,900	58,200	57,100	60,500	60,600
Iran	43,300	21,700	11,800	39,700	32,000	32,000
India	7,950	8,500	12,700	15,700	10,000	16,000
Hong Kong	30,500	18,300	30,200	25,600	25,000	14,000
United Arab Emirates	23,200	20,500	14,800	16,200	10,000	11,000
Canada	11,400	5,700	9,000	10,100	15,000	10,200
Other	42,250	37,520	42,750	49,300	40,500	40,500
Total	519,005	496,312	675,727	657,338	743,180	731,323
Ending Stocks						
United States	74,803	46,528	115,507	47,456	100,000	59,926
Turkey	5,000	8,500	10,000	500	15,000	22,500
Iran	5,000	5,000	3,000	33,100	3,100	3,100
European Union	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Afghanistan	0	0	0	0	0	(
Other	0	0	0	0	0	(
Total	86,303	61,528	130,007	82,556	119,600	87,026
Exports	,	,-	,	,	.,	, ,
United States	132,069	82,308	211,235	214,702	250,000	278,759
Iran	191,700	188,300	143,200	155,200	50,000	50,000
Turkey	2,700	9,200	6,600	3,100	25,000	15,700
European Union	1,400	1,900	1,700	2,100	1,000	1,600
Syria	500	400	500	500	500	500
Other	0	0	0	0	0	(
Total	328,369	282,108	363,235	375,602	326,500	346,559
Imports	320,309	202,100	303,233	373,002	320,300	340,333
European Union	71 500	70.450	90 900	99 000	9E 000	00 500
China	71,500	70,450	89,800	88,900	85,000	98,500
	81,900	70,550	115,100	111,500	100,000	98,000
India	7,950	8,500	12,700	15,700	10,000	16,000
Hong Kong	30,500	18,300	30,200	25,600	25,000	14,000
Turkey	17,450	9,250	9,800	16,500	5,000	11,100
United Arab Emirates	23,200	20,500	14,800	16,200	10,000	11,000
Canada	11,400	5,700	9,000	10,100	15,000	10,200
Pakistan	3,825	6,500	5,900	7,800	6,000	5,700
Israel	3,500	2,650	5,600	3,500	2,500	5,500
Iraq	9,825	8,300	8,000	9,500	8,000	5,500
Other	26,682	21,675	25,495	31,397	26,500	26,356
Total	287,732	242,375	326,395	336,697	293,000	301,856

The marketing year begins in September. Trade data includes prepared and preserved pistachios classified in chapter 20 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule.