



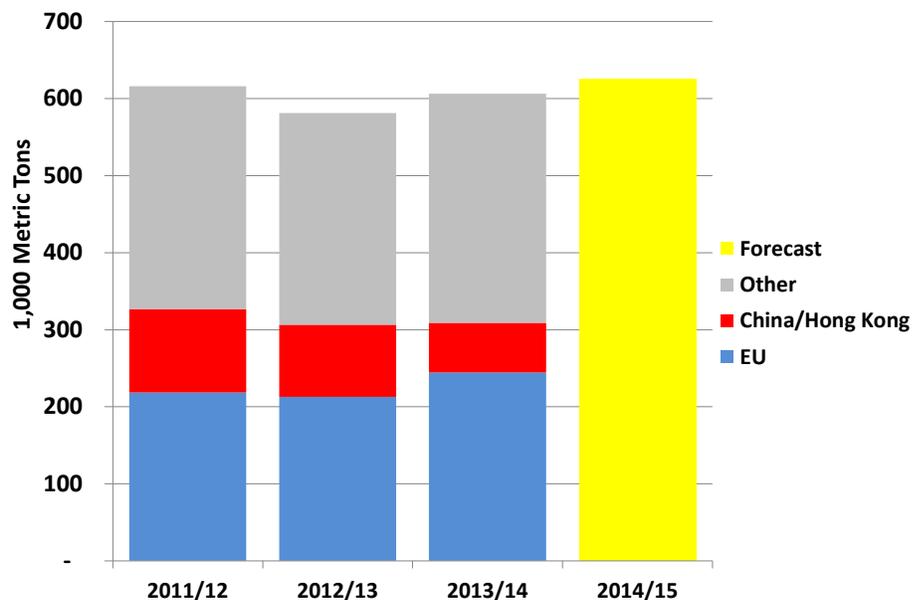
Tree Nuts: World Markets and Trade

Almonds

Global almond production for 2014/15 is forecast 5 percent higher to a record 1.1 million metric tons shelled basis primarily on gains in the United States and the European Union (EU). With consumption rising at a similar rate, ending stocks are expected to remain elevated. Global exports, which comprise two-thirds of production, are forecast to rise nearly 5 percent.

U.S. production is forecast 5 percent higher to a record 953,000 tons on increased area and yield. California's water issues are a concern for many growers. Orchards required irrigation in the winter months due to the lack of precipitation, but rain early in the season offered some relief. Exports are forecast to rise 3 percent to a record 625,000 tons largely on additional shipments to China. However, exports to Russia, which totaled nearly 15,000 tons last year, are expected to drop significantly due to the import ban that includes U.S. almonds.

Record U.S. Almond Exports Forecast



Australia's production is forecast to rise 7 percent to 75,000 tons as trees planted in new areas reach maturity. Whereas output expanded rapidly over the last decade, only modest gains are expected over the next several years because area expansion has slowed. Exports are forecast up 8 percent to 60,000 tons on continued advances in sales to China and India.

EU production is forecast to climb 20 percent to 75,000 tons as Spain recovers from last year's frost and heavy rains that occurred during the flowering period. Larger available supplies are expected to temper import demand. Consumption remains strong on continued demand from the food ingredient, snack food, and confectionary industries.

China's imports are forecast to rebound 15 percent to 70,000 tons on renewed demand from food manufacturers and consumers. Last year, imports plummeted 30 percent due in part to rising prices.

Revised 2013/14

World production is revised up 67,000 tons to 1.1 million.

- United States is revised 73,000 tons higher to 912,000 due to increased area and yield.

World imports are revised 16,000 tons higher to 647,000.

- China is cut 59,000 tons to 61,000 due to updated data.
- EU is raised 41,000 tons to 266,000 on stronger-than-anticipated demand.

World ending stocks are revised up 83,000 tons to 183,000.

- United States is up 79,000 tons to 159,000 on larger available supplies.

Walnuts

Record **global** walnut production and trade are forecast. Production continues to expand to 1.7 million tons in-shell basis, with China and the United States accounting for 80 percent of total output. World exports, dominated by the United States and Ukraine, are expected to rise 6 percent to 548,000 tons.

China's production is forecast up 15 percent to 900,000 tons on increased area and yield. With exports forecast at just 17,000 tons, the remainder is consumed domestically. Imports are forecast to gain 7 percent to 100,000 tons as demand from the food ingredient and snack food industries continues to expand.

U.S. production is forecast over 10 percent higher to a record 494,000 tons despite drought conditions. Growers used surface water where available and groundwater when necessary to provide adequate water supply to the trees. Weather conditions during the growing season were mild thus benefitting the crop. Exports are forecast nearly 10 percent higher to a record 340,000 tons primarily on gains to China and the EU.

EU production is forecast up about 5 percent to 105,000 tons mostly on higher yields in Romania. Imports are expected to increase 5 percent to 180,000 tons on stronger demand in Germany, Italy and Spain. Demand is driven by snack foods and cooking ingredients on the retail side and pastries on the industrial side.

Ukraine's production is forecast to rise 5 percent to 100,000 tons. Exports, once dominated by shipments to Russia, have shifted to other markets such as the EU and China.

Turkey's production is forecast to plunge nearly 50 percent to 40,000 tons due to the effect of freezing temperatures during the delicate flowering period in March and April followed by drought conditions. In response, imports are forecast to jump 25 percent to 65,000 tons, with consumption slipping.

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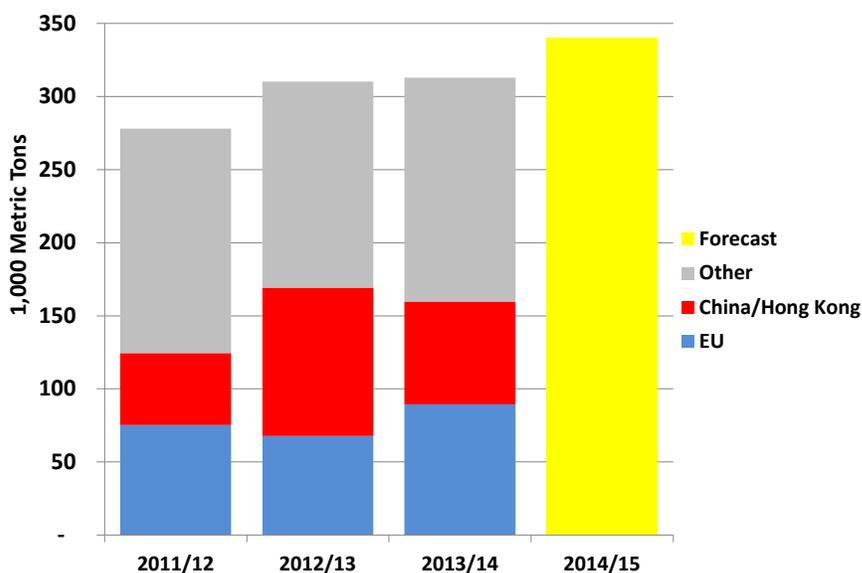
World production is revised up 18,000 tons to 1.6 million.

- China is revised 20,000 tons higher to 780,000 due to increased area and yield.
- Chile is raised 17,000 tons to 62,000 as bearing area continued to expand.
- Ukraine is reduced 15,000 tons to 95,000 on lower yield.

World exports are nearly unchanged at 517,000 tons.

- Chile is revised up 17,000 tons to 60,000 on larger available supplies.
- Ukraine is reduced 15,000 tons to 75,000 following less available supplies.

U.S. Walnut Exports to Continue Rising



- World imports are revised 11,000 tons higher to 486,000.
- China is reduced 59,000 tons to 91,000 due to updated data.
- EU is raised 56,000 tons to 171,000 on higher-than-anticipated demand.

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Almond Summary
Metric Tons, Shelled Basis

	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	Oct 2014/15
Production						
United States	639,565	743,891	920,793	857,290	911,720	952,540
Australia	39,100	37,600	49,600	73,400	70,000	75,000
European Union	104,400	93,000	83,100	83,000	63,000	75,000
Turkey	16,000	14,000	16,000	17,000	18,000	13,000
China	1,000	2,500	4,000	5,000	6,000	7,000
Other	7,100	10,200	10,200	9,500	5,000	8,200
Total	807,165	901,191	1,083,693	1,045,190	1,073,720	1,130,740
Domestic Consumption						
European Union	296,400	305,800	300,100	304,300	325,000	326,000
United States	216,516	239,156	275,219	302,297	306,306	320,000
China	37,200	48,200	96,700	93,100	66,700	77,000
India	43,800	55,300	57,900	60,600	56,400	66,200
United Arab Emirates	33,800	42,600	55,300	43,600	54,900	60,000
Japan	24,300	25,500	27,400	28,800	36,200	38,000
Canada	23,000	27,600	28,400	31,200	33,700	36,000
Korea, South	11,700	14,200	20,300	21,300	25,800	30,000
Turkey	27,900	27,600	36,600	29,300	32,700	30,000
Australia	20,100	15,700	23,000	25,000	22,000	22,000
Other	63,200	74,000	70,500	80,100	70,300	68,500
Total	797,916	875,656	991,419	1,019,597	1,030,006	1,073,700
Ending Stocks						
United States	145,719	115,194	152,044	143,880	159,030	176,570
European Union	30,000	30,000	30,000	25,000	18,000	15,000
Australia	1,000	1,000	1,000	8,700	4,700	1,700
Chile	800	400	800	500	500	500
Turkey	2,300	300	300	500	500	500
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	179,819	146,894	184,144	178,580	182,730	194,270
Exports						
United States	467,542	538,937	615,948	581,049	606,266	625,000
Australia	19,900	23,300	29,000	44,300	55,500	60,000
European Union	9,300	11,900	12,200	10,100	10,800	12,000
Turkey	3,700	5,400	7,400	7,800	8,800	10,000
Chile	6,500	9,100	8,300	7,300	5,500	6,500
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	506,942	588,637	672,848	650,549	686,866	713,500
Imports						
European Union	206,300	224,700	229,200	226,400	265,800	260,000
China	36,200	45,700	92,700	88,100	60,700	70,000
India	42,700	54,100	56,800	59,400	55,300	65,000
United Arab Emirates	33,800	42,600	55,300	43,600	54,900	60,000
Japan	24,300	25,500	27,400	28,800	36,200	38,000
Canada	23,000	27,600	28,400	31,200	33,700	36,000
Korea, South	11,700	14,200	20,300	21,300	25,800	30,000
Turkey	15,900	17,000	28,000	20,300	23,500	27,000
Hong Kong	22,300	20,300	11,700	12,900	15,200	18,000
Taiwan	4,100	10,800	10,800	14,000	8,300	12,000
Mexico	8,100	7,900	7,500	10,000	9,300	10,000
United States	2,545	3,677	7,224	17,892	16,002	10,000
Algeria	3,800	6,600	7,500	6,700	4,300	7,000
Switzerland	4,400	4,300	5,000	4,800	5,800	6,000
Russia	12,000	15,900	19,000	21,200	17,900	5,000
Other	9,800	9,300	11,000	12,800	14,600	14,000
Total	460,945	530,177	617,824	619,392	647,302	668,000

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.

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Metric Tons, In-shell Basis

	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	Oct 2014/15
Production						
China	560,000	580,000	700,000	720,000	780,000	900,000
United States	396,440	457,221	418,212	450,871	446,335	494,416
European Union	87,000	80,000	112,700	110,000	98,800	105,000
Ukraine	100,000	80,000	115,000	70,000	95,000	100,000
Chile	36,000	42,000	40,000	53,000	62,000	65,000
Turkey	88,000	85,000	80,000	85,000	75,000	40,000
India	36,000	30,000	40,000	36,000	43,000	38,000
Other	2,300	2,400	2,500	2,700	3,000	4,000
Total	1,305,740	1,356,621	1,508,412	1,527,571	1,603,135	1,746,416
Domestic Consumption						
China	578,000	608,400	733,900	812,200	853,800	983,000
European Union	186,700	230,300	242,300	230,200	245,200	260,000
United States	174,269	145,298	138,929	154,010	155,376	157,404
Turkey	132,600	127,300	118,900	117,500	115,000	101,000
Korea, South	21,100	22,100	27,800	28,200	29,100	30,000
India	19,000	21,600	19,750	25,500	28,000	28,000
Japan	29,900	30,000	29,500	27,700	28,700	28,000
Canada	17,200	19,800	19,300	20,800	22,000	24,000
Hong Kong	7,000	15,500	6,000	23,600	15,500	20,000
Ukraine	18,000	13,500	14,100	12,000	20,000	15,000
Other	98,400	93,300	97,500	73,400	65,700	72,900
Total	1,282,169	1,327,098	1,447,979	1,525,110	1,578,376	1,719,304
Ending Stocks						
European Union	40,000	35,000	35,000	40,000	40,000	40,000
United States	38,262	37,085	44,468	41,629	34,988	37,000
Turkey	5,000	3,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	4,000
India	1,850	350	5,900	5,000	5,800	3,800
Chile	1,800	1,400	1,100	1,200	700	500
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	86,912	76,835	91,468	92,829	86,488	85,300
Exports						
United States	240,700	313,700	278,100	310,300	312,900	340,000
Ukraine	82,000	66,500	100,900	58,000	75,000	85,000
Chile	32,700	38,900	38,800	50,500	60,000	62,500
European Union	20,500	11,300	16,900	15,000	25,000	25,000
China	11,500	16,000	17,300	16,100	17,000	17,000
India	19,000	9,900	14,700	11,900	14,400	13,000
Turkey	7,200	8,000	11,600	9,600	12,000	5,000
Other	500	1,000	600	700	500	500
Total	414,100	465,300	478,900	472,100	516,800	548,000
Imports						
European Union	130,200	156,600	146,500	140,200	171,400	180,000
China	29,500	44,400	51,200	108,300	90,800	100,000
Turkey	43,200	48,300	52,500	42,100	52,000	65,000
Korea, South	21,100	22,100	27,800	28,200	29,100	30,000
Japan	29,900	30,000	29,500	27,700	28,700	28,000
Canada	17,200	19,800	19,300	20,800	22,000	24,000
Hong Kong	7,000	15,500	6,000	23,600	15,500	20,000
Australia	9,100	10,200	14,700	10,600	12,300	14,000
Brazil	8,900	7,900	9,600	8,000	8,000	10,000
Israel	7,500	8,500	7,800	9,600	9,600	10,000
Taiwan	4,700	6,500	6,000	7,300	6,500	8,000
Mexico	3,500	10,600	10,500	7,400	6,300	6,000
Switzerland	4,300	5,000	5,300	5,400	5,300	5,500
Moldova	4,600	3,200	3,300	3,400	4,700	5,000
United States	4,400	600	6,200	10,600	15,300	5,000
Other	51,000	36,500	36,900	17,800	8,200	9,200
Total	376,100	425,700	433,100	471,000	485,700	519,700

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.