



2017 California Almond Forecast

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RESULTS

The initial subjective forecast for the 2017 California almond production is 2.2 billion pounds. Forecasted production is 2.8 percent above last year's production of 2.14 billion pounds. Forecasted bearing acreage for 2017 is 1,000,000. Forecasted yield is 2,200 pounds per acre, down 3.5 percent from the 2016 yield of 2,280 pounds per acre. The subjective production forecast is based on a telephone survey conducted from April 25 to May 4 from a sample of almond growers.

The California almond bloom began in mid-February; chilling hours were described as adequate, but less than 2016. The 2017 bloom was an extended bloom, due to cold temperatures, and lasted a few weeks. Significant rains before and during bloom made application of dormant and bloom sprays more difficult. There were also concerns about bees pollinating in the stormy weather, but the extended bloom may have compensated for those issues. While all the rain complicated orchard work, the water was a welcome relief from years of drought. Set was reportedly good and nuts were developing well.

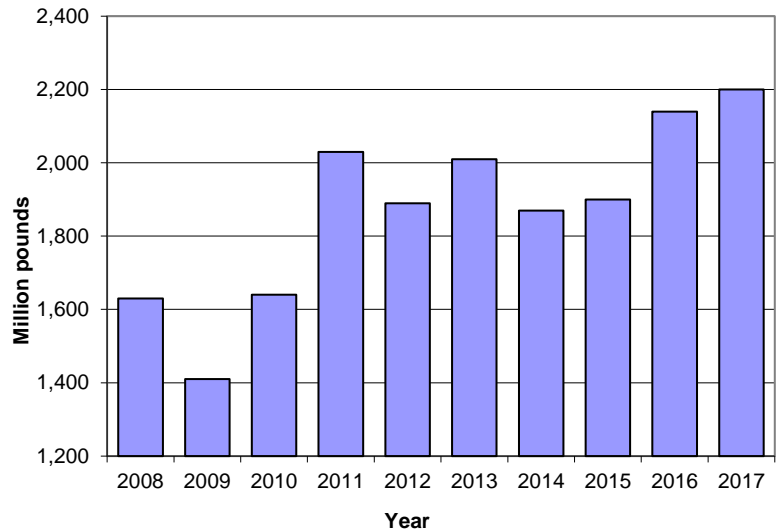
PROCEDURES

Results of the subjective survey are based on opinions obtained from growers. The sample of growers changes from year to year and is grouped by size of operation, so all growers will be represented. Growers are asked to indicate their almond yield per acre from last year and expected yield for the current year.

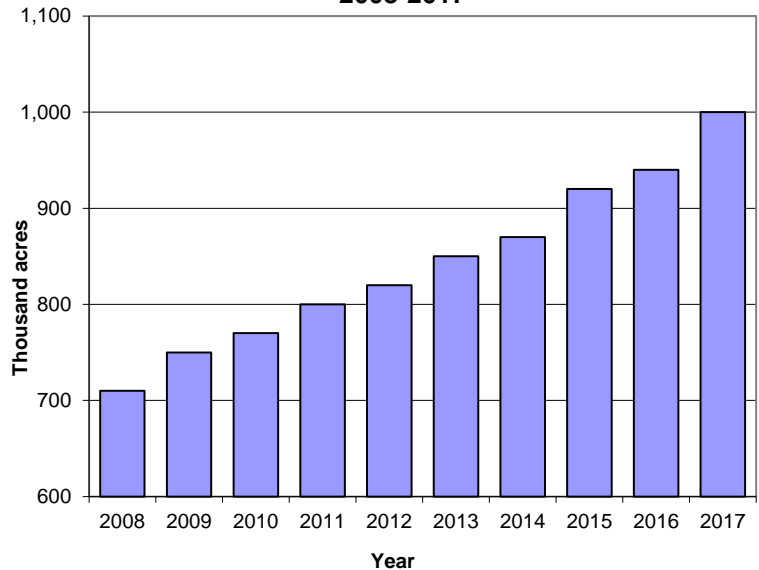
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California Almond Production
2008-2017



California Almond Bearing Acreage
2008-2017



California Almond Acreage, Production, and Value: 1995-2017

Year	Bearing	Non-bearing	Yield per acre	Production	Price per pound	Value of production
	acres	acres	pounds	million pounds	dollars	1,000 dollars
1995	418,000	65,700	890	370	2.48	880,896
1996	428,000	72,400	1,190	510	2.08	1,018,368
1997	442,000	63,000	1,720	759	1.56	1,160,640
1998	460,000	120,000	1,130	520	1.41	703,590
1999	485,000	115,000	1,720	833	0.86	687,742
2000	510,000	100,000	1,380	703	0.97	666,487
2001	530,000	75,000	1,570	830	0.91	740,012
2002	545,000	65,000	2,000	1,090	1.11	1,200,687
2003	550,000	60,000	1,890	1,040	1.57	1,600,144
2004	570,000	70,000	1,760	1,005	2.21	2,189,005
2005	590,000	110,000	1,550	915	2.81	2,525,909
2006	610,000	145,000	1,840	1,120	2.06	2,258,790
2007	640,000	125,000	2,170	1,390	1.75	2,401,875
2008	710,000	115,000	2,300	1,630	1.45	2,343,200
2009	750,000	90,000	1,880	1,410	1.65	2,293,500
2010	770,000	85,000	2,130	1,640	1.79	2,903,380
2011	800,000	75,000	2,540	2,030	1.99	4,007,860
2012	820,000	110,000	2,310	1,890	2.58	4,816,860
2013	850,000	120,000	2,370	2,010	3.21	6,384,690
2014	870,000	170,000	2,150	1,870	4.00	7,388,000
2015 ^{1/}	920,000	240,000	2,070	1,900	2.84	5,325,000
2016 ^{2/ 3/}	940,000	300,000	2,280	2,140	—	—
2017 ^{4/}	1,000,000	—	2,200	2,200	—	—

^{1/} Acreage revised.

^{2/} Price and value will be available in the annual Noncitrus Fruits & Nuts publication, released on June 27, 2017.

^{3/} Production is based on the Almond Board of California receipts from handlers.

^{4/} Preliminary estimate of bearing acres.

— Not available.

SOURCE: USDA/NASS, Pacific Regional Office