



2010 California Almond Forecast

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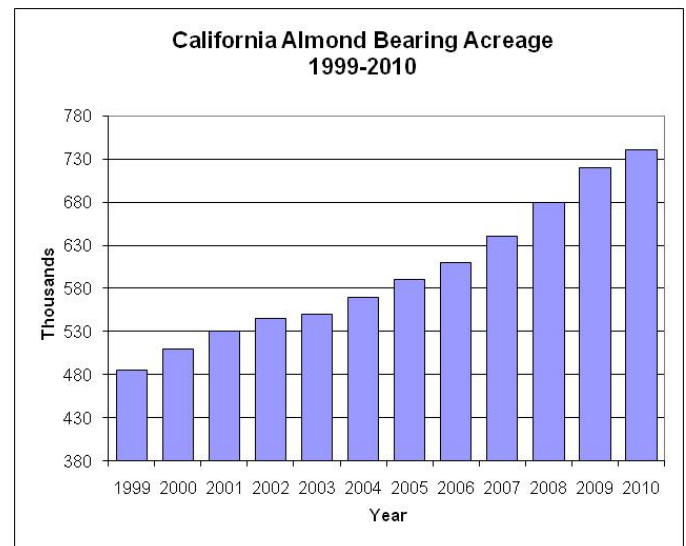
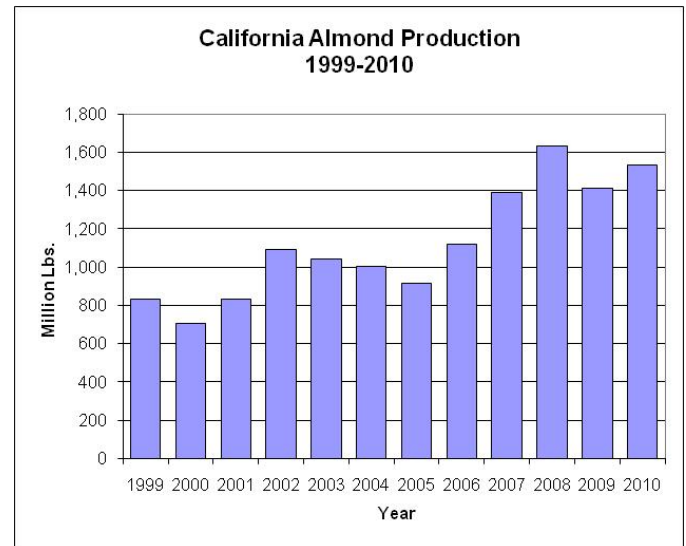
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RESULTS

The initial forecast for the 2010 California almond production is 1.53 billion pounds. This is 8.5 percent above last year's revised production of 1.41 billion pounds. Estimated bearing acreage for 2010 is 740 thousand. This forecast is based on a telephone survey conducted April 23 - May 4 from a sample of almond growers. Of the 485 growers sampled, 317 reported. Acreage from these reports accounted for 28 percent of the total bearing acreage.

Despite a variable spring, weather in 2010 had few negative effects on the developing almond crop. Bee activity was reported to have been hampered some by the rain, but overlap of varieties was excellent. Nut sets looked good. Acreages in the San Joaquin Valley that experienced frost damage in 2009 show heavy sets this season. High winds resulted in some nut and tree losses, but damage was not significant. Wet weather increased concerns about fungal infections and rot, but additional sprays have kept the problem in check. A benefit of the cool weather has been low insect pressure; overall, the trees are growing well and the crop is developing in good condition.



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. Each selected grower is asked to indicate their almond yield per acre from last year and expected yield for the current year.

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California Almond Acreage, Production and Value, 1995-2010

Year	Bearing	Non-Bearing	Yield Per Acre	Production	Price Per Pound 1/	Value of Production 1/
	Acres		Pounds	Million Pounds	Dollars	\$1,000
1995	418,000	65,700	885	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	680,000	115,000	2,370	1,610	1.45	2,314,200
2009 2/	720,000	90,000	1,960	1,410	1.30	1,807,000
2010 3/	740,000	N/A	2,070	1,530	N/A	N/A

1/ Price and value are based on the edible portion of the crop only. Inedible production for 2009 is estimated to be 20.0 million pounds.

2/ Revised production, yield and value.

3/ Preliminary.

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