

# Walnut/Raisin/Prune Report State Summary -- 1997 Crop Year

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## WALNUT, RAISIN & PRUNE REPORT

Information contained in this report was supplied by handlers of walnuts, raisins and prunes to fulfill reporting requirements of Sections 55601.7 and 55601.8 of the Food and Agricultural Code. The report includes all tonnages of walnuts, raisins and prunes that were either produced by the handler or purchased from producers. Final weighted average price, including bonuses and allowances, has been reported for all contracts which were finalized.

All 1997 crop transactions completed through the close of business on August 31, 1998 are included in this report. A "good faith" estimate of final weighted average price was reported for those contracts which were not final on the same date. The data are shown by major varieties at the State level only.

### DEFINITIONS

Producer: A person or operator who is responsible for the walnuts, raisins or prunes in the unprocessed state. A dehydrator operator is considered the producer of raisins or prunes if he grew or purchased fresh grapes or prunes and dehydrated them.

Handler: Firm that processes and markets walnuts, raisins or prunes.

Finalized Purchases: Tonnage purchased from producers, for which a pricing contract has been completed.

Non-Finalized Purchases: Contracted tonnage, for which a final price has not yet been determined.

Free Tonnage: Tonnage received by a handler, for which the only Federal marketing order regulation is a minimum quality or size standard. Reserve tonnage is the tonnage set aside as authorized by a Federal marketing order.

DFA Inspected Tonnage: Prunes which have been inspected by officials of the Dried Fruit Association of California.

Weighted Average Price: Weighted average price reflects prices or "good faith" estimates of prices as reported by handlers, and include any bonuses or allowances.

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**SUMMARY OF WALNUT HANDLERS' REPORTS**

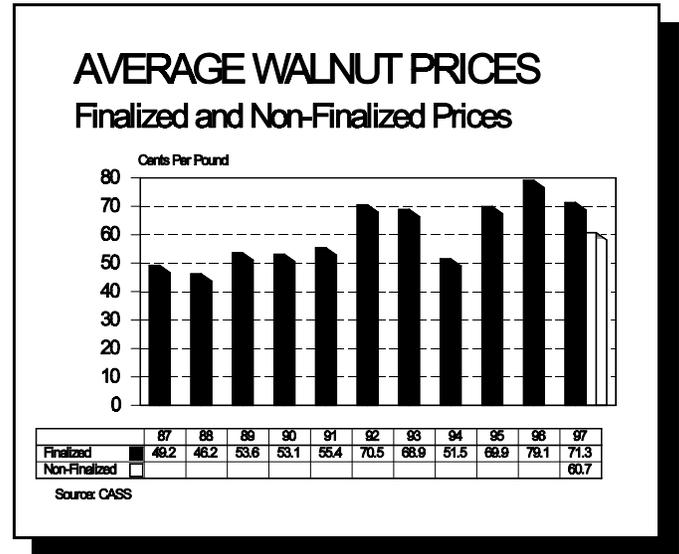
Walnuts produced by handlers in 1997 totaled 7,936 tons. This figure does NOT include walnuts purchased from other handlers or producers.

The total 1997 walnut crop purchased from producers for which pricing had been finalized reached 144,484 tons at an average price of 71.3 cents per pound. This price is rounded to the nearest tenth of a cent per pound and includes all bonuses and allowances.

Purchases from producers for which pricing was NOT finalized, totaled 114,306 tons. The average "good faith" estimate of final weighted average price for this tonnage was 60.7 cents per pound.

The quantity of all walnuts purchased from producers was 258,790 tons for the 1997 crop. This figure does not include walnuts produced by the handler or purchased from other handlers.

The tonnage produced by the handler plus tonnage purchased from producers for the 1997 walnut crop was 87,154 tons of Hartley, 23,808 tons of Serr, and 155,763 tons of other varieties for a total of 266,726 in-shell tons of walnuts.



**WALNUTS: IN-SHELL TONS, 1997 CROP**

Variety	Produced by Handler	Finalized Prices		Non-Final Prices		Total Acquisitions	
		Purchased from Producer	Price Per Pound <sup>1/</sup>	Purchased from Producer	Price Per Pound <sup>1/</sup>	Purchased from Producers	Total Quantity Handled
		-- Tons --	Cents	Tons	Cents	-- Tons --	
Hartley	3,245	56,874	65.6	27,035	66.9	83,909	87,154
Serr	662	11,411	85.6	11,735	65.3	23,146	23,808
Other	4,028	76,199	73.5	75,536	57.7	151,735	155,763
TOTAL	7,936	144,484	71.3	114,306	60.7	258,790	266,726

<sup>1/</sup> Prices include bonuses and allowances.

NOTE: Varietal totals may not equal total due to rounding.

**SUMMARY OF RAISIN HANDLERS' REPORTS**

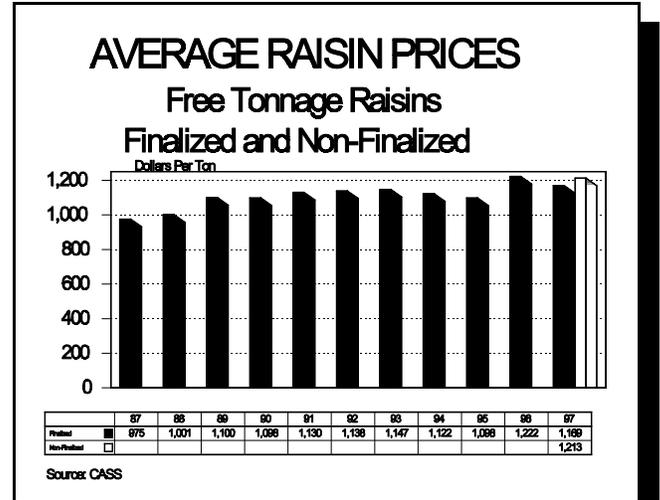
Free raisin tonnage produced by handlers in 1997 totaled 12,800 tons. This figure does NOT include raisins purchased from other handlers or producers.

The tonnage produced by the handler plus tonnage purchased from producers for the 1997 raisin crop was 306,900 tons.

The total 1997 raisin crop purchased from producers for which pricing had been finalized reached 224,540 tons at an average price of \$1,169 per ton. This price is rounded to the nearest dollar per ton and includes all bonuses and allowances.

Purchases from producers for which pricing was NOT finalized, totaled 69,560. The average "good faith" estimate of final weighted average price for this tonnage was \$1,213 per ton.

The quantity of all raisins purchased from producers was 294,100 tons for the 1997 crop. This figure does not include raisins produced by the handler or purchased from other handlers.



**FREE RAISIN TONNAGE: "MEETING INSPECTION" 1/, 1997 CROP YEAR**

Variety	Produced by Handler	Finalized Prices		Non-Final Prices		Total Acquisitions	
		Purchased from Producer	Price Per Ton 2/	Purchased from Producer	Price Per Ton 2/	Purchased from Producers	Total Quantity Handled
	<i>-- Tons --</i>		<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Dollars</i>		<i>-- Tons --</i>
Natural Seedless	5,531	191,805	1,171	64,007	1,219	255,812	261,343
Dipped Seedless	385	15,005	1,170	1,774	1,099	16,779	17,164
Oleate Seedless	789	294	1,099	0	0	294	1,083
Golden Seedless	5,839	12,445	1,226	2,966	1,204	15,411	21,250
Zante Currants	43	1,402	975	721	1,011	2,123	2,166
Sultanas	9	183	842	0	0	183	192
Muscats	0	77	1,000	0	0	77	77
Monukkas	0	720	898	0	0	720	720
Other Seedless	203	2,608	913	93	950	2,701	2,904
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12,800</b>	<b>224,540</b>	<b>1,169</b>	<b>69,560</b>	<b>1,213</b>	<b>294,100</b>	<b>306,900</b>

1/ Free tonnage as reported to the Raisin Administrative Committee.

2/ Price includes bonuses and allowances.

NOTE: Varietal totals may not equal total due to rounding.

### SUMMARY OF PRUNE HANDLERS' REPORTS

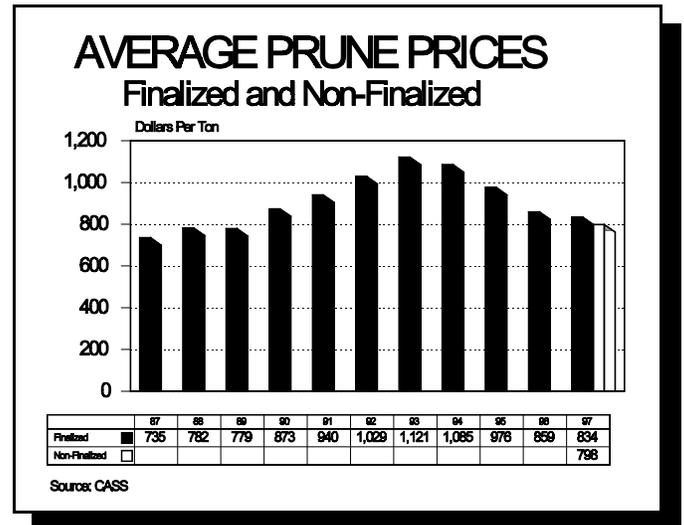
Prunes produced by handlers in 1997 totaled 4,801 tons. This figure does NOT include prunes purchased from other handlers or producers.

The total 1997 prune crop purchased from producers for which pricing had been finalized reached 87,161 tons at an average price of \$834 per ton. This price is rounded to the nearest dollar per ton and includes all bonuses and allowances.

Purchases from producers for which pricing was NOT finalized, totaled 110,640 tons. The average "good faith" estimate of final weighted average price for this tonnage was \$798 per ton.

The quantity of all prunes purchased from producers was 197,801 tons for the 1997 crop. This figure does not include prunes produced by the handler or purchased from other handlers. The weighted average size count of tons purchased from producers was 67 for the French varieties and 36 for the non-French varieties.

The tonnage produced by the handler plus tonnage purchased from producers for the 1997 prune crop was 202,417 tons of French and 185 tons of non-French for a total of 202,602 tons of DFA inspected prunes.



### PRUNES: DFA INSPECTED TONS <sup>1/</sup>, 1997 CROP YEAR

Variety	Produced by Handler	Finalized Prices		Non-Final Prices		Total Acquisitions		
		Purchased from Producer	Price Per Ton <sup>2/</sup>	Purchased from Producer	Price Per Ton <sup>2/</sup>	Purchased from Producers	Weighted Avg. Size Count	Total Quantity Handled
	-- Tons --		Dollars	Tons	Dollars	Tons	Number	Tons
French	4,801	87,060	834	110,556	798	197,616	67	202,417
Non-French	0	101	620	84	800	185	36	185
TOTAL	4,801	87,161	834	110,640	798	197,801	67	202,602

<sup>1/</sup> Tons as shown on DFA Inspection Certificates as required by the Prune Marketing Committee.

<sup>2/</sup> Prices include bonuses and allowances.

NOTE: Varietal totals may not equal total due to rounding.