



# California Fruit & Nut Review

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### MAY CROP COMMENTS

During May, plum, prune, peach, apricot, and nectarine fruit continued to develop. Prune and peach trees in the Sacramento Valley were thinned due to heavy sets. Harvest continued for early peach, nectarine, and apricot varieties in the San Joaquin Valley. Harvest of cherries began near the end of May. Growers sprayed for Oriental Fruit Fly earlier in the month. Fruit continued to develop on grape vines. Grapes in the San Joaquin Valley were sprayed for powdery mildew. Protective measures were implemented against the European Grapevine Moth in high risk

vineyards during bloom. Kiwi vineyards were in bloom, and bees were brought in for pollination. Pomegranates and persimmons continued to leaf-out as pomegranate bloom began. Apple and pear bloom finished and fruit continued to develop. Picking and packing of blueberries continued in the San Joaquin Valley. Blackberry harvest started. Olives and avocados bloomed. Almond nuts were hardening as heavy sets were reported across the State. Fungicides were applied to some walnut and pistachio orchards as nuts continued to develop.

Citrus bloom finished in May. Nets were removed from seedless tangerine groves. Navel orange harvest was nearly complete. Harvest of Valencia oranges, tangelos, tangerines, and lemons continued.

### FRUIT AND NUT STATISTICS AT A GLANCE

Crop	Bearing Acreage		Yield Per Acre		Estimated Production		Production Percent Change	Next Crop Update
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012		
<b>NUT CROPS</b>	<i>Acres</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>1,000 Pounds</i>			
Almonds (Shelled) 1/ 2/	760,000	780,000	2,670	2,560	2,030,000	2,000,000	-1	June 29, 2012
Pecans	---	---	---	---	3,900	---		July 6, 2012
Pistachio (In-Shell)	---	---	---	---	---	---		
Marketable In-Shell	---	---	---	---	341,000	---		July 6, 2012
Shelling Stock	---	---	---	---	103,000	---		July 6, 2012
Total	153,000	---	2,900	---	444,000	---		July 6, 2012
Walnuts (In-Shell) 3/	227,000	---	2.03	---	461	---		July 6, 2012
			<i>Tons</i>		<i>1,000 Tons</i>			
<b>FRUIT CROPS</b>								
Apples	---	---	---	---	140	---		July 6, 2012
Apricots	10,800	---	5.79	---	62.6	---		July 6, 2012
Cherries	29,000	---	2.59	---	75.0	---		July 6, 2012
Grapes, Raisin 4/	210,000	---	9.78	---	2,053	---		July 6, 2012
Grapes, Table	85,000	---	12.20	---	1,037	---		July 6, 2012
Grapes, Wine	497,000	---	6.81	---	3,383	---		July 6, 2012
Grapes, All 4/	792,000	---	8.17	---	6,473	---		July 6, 2012
Olives	41,500	---	1.72	---	71.2	---		July 6, 2012
Peaches, Clingstone 5/	22,500	---	17.50	---	393	---		July 6, 2012
Peaches, Freestone	25,000	---	14.80	---	370	---		July 6, 2012
Pears, Bartlett	10,000	---	20.10	---	201	---		July 6, 2012
Pears, Other	4,000	---	14.30	---	57.0	---		July 6, 2012
Plums, Dried (Prunes) 6/	58,000	55,000	2.36	2.18	137	120	-12	July 6, 2012
<b>BERRIES</b>			<i>Cwt.</i>		<i>1,000 Cwt.</i>			
Strawberries 7/	38,000	---	680	---	25,750	---		July 6, 2012
<b>CITRUS CROPS 2/ 8/</b>								
	2010-11	2011-12	2010-11	2011-12	2010-11	2011-12		
			<i>Cartons</i>		<i>1,000 Cartons</i>			
Grapefruit	9,400	---	915	---	8,600	6,800	-21	July 11, 2012
Lemons	45,000	---	911	---	41,000	39,000	-5	July 11, 2012
Oranges, Navel	139,000	---	691	---	96,000	88,000	-8	July 11, 2012
Oranges, Valencia	41,000	40,000	707	700	29,000	28,000	-3	July 11, 2012
Mandarins & Mandarin Hybrids 9/	33,000	---	600	---	19,800	19,600	-1	July 11, 2012

- 1/ Almond Objective Measurement Report will be released June 29, 2012.
- 2/ Estimates for current year carried forward from an earlier forecast.
- 3/ Walnut Objective Measurement Report will be released September 4, 2012 at 12:00 p.m. PDT.
- 4/ Raisin Grape Objective Measurement will be released August 10, 2012.
- 5/ Over-the-scale tonnage and includes culls and cannery diversions.
- 6/ Revised 2011 data. Dried Plum forecast for 2012 was released June 6, 2012.
- 7/ Includes fresh market and processing.
- 8/ Beginning with 2010-11 Season: All citrus fruit -- 40.0 lbs per carton.
- 9/ Includes tangelos, tangerines, and tangors.

**REVISED 2011 ACREAGE ESTIMATES**

The table below contains revised acreage estimates for 2011 almonds, grapes, dried plums, and walnuts. These estimates are based on the industry-funded acreage surveys conducted for these crops. The survey results were recently published by the USDA-NASS, California Field Office.

More detailed acreage reports for these crops are available on our web site at [www.nass.usda.gov/ca](http://www.nass.usda.gov/ca).

ACREAGE ESTIMATES, 2011 CROP			
Crop	Bearing	Non-Bearing	Total
	Acres		
Almonds	760,000	75,000	835,000
Grapes, All	796,000	52,000	848,000
Raisin	205,000	4,000	209,000
Table	85,000	11,000	96,000
Wine	506,000	37,000	543,000
Plums, Dried (Prunes)	58,000	a/	---
Walnut	b/	a/	---

a/ Non-bearing survey not conducted.  
b/ Bearing acreage will be released July 6, 2012.

**FLORIDA CITRUS**

In the citrus growing areas, weather stations reported high temperatures in the low to mid 90s. Rainfall was moderate across the citrus growing region, with a generous amount of rain occurring in the third week of the month. Drought conditions further eased due to significant rainfall.

Harvest of Valencia oranges was nearly complete, while the grapefruit and tangerine harvests finished. The primary grove activities were harvest of late oranges and young tree care. All but a few small packinghouses and processors have closed for this harvest season.

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**CITRUS FRUIT PRODUCTION FORECAST, BY STATE AND U.S.**

Crop and State	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
	1,000 Cartons		
<b>ORANGES: 1/</b>			
California, All	115,000	125,000	116,000
Navel & Misc.	85,000	96,000	88,000
Valencia	30,000	29,000	28,000
Florida	267,400	281,000	292,400
Texas	3,270	3,898	2,778
U.S. TOTAL	385,670	409,898	411,178
<b>GRAPEFRUIT: 2/</b>			
California, All	9,000	8,600	6,800
Florida	40,600	39,500	37,600
Texas	11,200	12,600	10,584
U.S. TOTAL	60,800	60,700	54,984
<b>LEMONS: 3/</b>			
California	42,000	41,000	39,000
Arizona	4,400	5,000	1,600
U.S. TOTAL	46,400	46,000	40,600
<b>TANGERINES &amp; MANDARINS: 4/</b>			
California 5/	19,800	19,800	19,600
Florida	8,900	9,300	8,600
Arizona 5/	700	600	400
U.S. TOTAL	29,400	29,700	28,600

- 1/ ORANGES: California (2011-12 and 2010-11) , 1 carton = 40 lbs, (2009-10), 1 carton = 37.5 lbs; Florida, 1 carton = 45 lbs.; Texas, 1 carton = 42.5 lbs.; Arizona, 1 carton = 37.5 lbs.
- 2/ GRAPEFRUIT: California (2011-12 and 2010-11), 1 carton = 40 lbs, (2009-10), 1 carton 33.5 lbs; Florida, 1 carton = 42.5 lbs.; Texas, 1 carton = 40 lbs.; Arizona, 1 carton = 33.5 lbs.
- 3/ LEMONS: (2011-12 and 2010 -11) 1 carton = 40 lbs., (2009-10) = 38 lbs.
- 4/ TANGERINES: California (2011-12 and 2010-11) 1 carton = 40 lbs, (2009-10), 1 carton = 37.5 lbs; Florida, 1 carton = 47.5 lbs.; Arizona, 1 carton = 37.5 lbs.
- 5/ Includes tangelos, tangerines, and tangors.

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