



California Fruit & Nut Review

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APRIL CROP COMMENTS

Strong winds damaged some orchards and vineyards in mid-April. Fruit continued to develop on apricot, cherry, nectarine, peach, and plum trees. Early cherries approached harvest. Stone fruit growers cleaned up storm damage and thinned fruit. Pears were blooming. Apple bloom finished and fruit was developing. Grapes continued to leaf out and vines were pushing new growth. Vineyards were sprayed with fungicides and treated with sulfur to prevent powdery mildew. Olive

bloom began. Blueberries were blooming, while hot house blueberries were being picked. Hass avocado harvest continued. Nut orchards were irrigated. Almond bloom was complete with trees leafing out and nutlets developing well. Almond growers cleaned up branches and trees knocked down by the high winds. Walnuts were pushing catkins and were treated for blight. Walnut growers began trapping and monitoring codling moths as they started spray treatments for the crop. Pistachios were in full bloom and trees were pushing new growth. Pecan bloom began.

New citrus groves were planted as the bloom continued. Mandarin trees were netted to prevent cross pollination and ensure seedless fruit. Harvest of late Navel oranges, Valencia oranges, and lemons continued.

FRUIT AND NUT STATISTICS AT A GLANCE

Crop	Bearing Acreage		Yield Per Acre		Estimated Production		Production Percent Change	Next Crop Update
	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013		
NUT CROPS	<i>Acres</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>1,000 Pounds</i>			
Almonds (Shelled) 1/	790,000	810,000	2,390	2,470	1,890,000	2,000,000	6	July 1, 2013
Pecans	---	---	---	---	4,800	---		2/
Pistachio (In-Shell)								
Marketable In-Shell	---	---	---	---	464,000	---		
Shelling Stock	---	---	---	---	87,000	---		
Total	178,000	---	3,100	---	551,000	---		2/
			<i>Tons</i>		<i>1,000 Tons</i>			
Walnuts (In-Shell) 3/	245,000	---	1.92	---	470	---		September 5, 2013
FRUIT CROPS								
Apples	17,500	---	8.57	---	150	---		2/
Apricots	10,800	---	4.98	---	53.8	---		2/
Cherries	31,000	---	2.98	---	92.3	---		2/
Grapes, Raisin 4/	205,000	---	9.50	---	1,951	---		August 12, 2013
Grapes, Table	85,000	---	11.60	---	987	---		2/
Grapes, Wine	506,000	---	7.39	---	3,740	---		2/
Grapes, All 4/	796,000	---	8.39	---	6,678	---		2/
Olives	44,000	---	3.64	---	160	---		2/
Peaches, Clingstone 5/	23,000	---	16.00	---	369	---		2/
Peaches, Freestone	24,000	---	14.30	---	344	---		2/
Pears, Bartlett	10,000	---	16.50	---	165	---		2/
Pears, Other	4,000	---	12.50	---	50.0	---		2/
Plums, Dried (Prunes) 6/	55,000	---	2.27	---	125	---		June 3, 2013
BERRIES			<i>Cwt.</i>		<i>1,000 Cwt.</i>			
Strawberries 7/	38,500	---	720	---	27,637	---		2/
CITRUS CROPS 8/ 9/	2011-12	2012-13	2011-12	2012-13	2011-12	2012-13		
			<i>Cartons</i>		<i>1,000 Cartons</i>			
Grapefruit	9,400	---	851	---	8,000	8,200	2	July 11, 2013
Lemons	45,000	---	911	---	41,000	40,000	-2	July 11, 2013
Oranges, Navel	137,000	---	664	---	91,000	91,000	(NC)	July 11, 2013
Oranges, Valencia	40,000	39,000	650	641	26,000	25,000	-4	July 11, 2013
Mandarins & Mandarin Hybrids 10/	38,000	---	574	---	21,800	27,000	24	July 11, 2013

(NC) No change.

1/ Almond Subjective Forecast was released May 2, 2013 at 12:00 p.m. PDT. Almond Objective Measurement Report will be released July 1, 2013.

2/ Estimates for these crops have been suspended until further notice.

3/ Walnut Objective Measurement Report will be released September 5, 2013 at 12:00 p.m. PDT.

4/ Raisin Grape Objective Measurement will be released August 12, 2013.

5/ Over-the-scale tonnage and includes culls and cannery diversions.

6/ Dried Plum Forecast will be released June 3, 2013.

7/ Includes fresh market and processing.

8/ Estimates for current year carried forward from an earlier forecast.

9/ Beginning with 2010-11 Season: All citrus fruit-- 40.0 lbs per carton.

10/ Includes tangelos, tangerines, and tangors.

FLORIDA CITRUS

In the citrus growing region, high temperatures reported for the month ranged from the upper 80s to lower 90s. Rainfall was generally light, becoming heavier toward the end of the month, easing drought conditions in all of the citrus producing regions. Harvest of Valencias and grapefruit continued as the tangerine harvest neared completion. Harvesting, fertilizer application, and general grove maintenance were the primary grove activities.

ALMOND PRODUCTION

The initial subjective forecast for the 2013 California almond production is 2.00 billion pounds. This is 6 percent above last year's production of 1.89 billion pounds. Yield, forecasted at 2,470 lbs/acre, is up 3 percent from the 2012 yield of 2,390 lbs/acre. Forecasted bearing acreage for 2013 is 810 thousand. The subjective production forecast is based on a telephone survey conducted April 17 - April 30 from a sample of almond growers. Of the 464 growers sampled, 305 reported. Acreage from these reports accounted for 31 percent of the total bearing acreage.

After a wet and cold winter, the 2013 almond crop began bloom 2 weeks later than normal. Bloom was strong and fast, which shortened overlap and pollination time. Despite this, set was looking very good. High winds in early April knocked nuts and branches off trees, as well as knocking down some trees. Many of the nuts blown off trees were expected to have dropped off in May or June anyway. Nonpareil drop has been reportedly heavy. Water will be a concern for growers this year, as allotments have been reduced.

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

Crop and State	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
	1,000 Cartons		
ORANGES: 1/			
California, All	125,000	117,000	116,000
Navel & Misc.	96,000	91,000	91,000
Valencia	29,000	26,000	25,000
Florida	281,000	293,400	276,000
Texas	3,898	2,838	3,110
U.S. TOTAL	409,898	413,238	395,110
GRAPEFRUIT: 2/			
California, All	8,620	8,000	8,200
Florida	39,500	37,700	36,600
Texas	12,600	9,600	11,000
U.S. TOTAL	60,720	55,300	55,800
LEMONS: 3/			
California	41,000	41,000	40,000
Arizona	5,000	1,500	3,600
U.S. TOTAL	46,000	42,500	43,600
MANDARINS & MANDARIN HYBRIDS: 4/			
California 5/	21,200	21,800	27,000
Florida	9,300	8,580	6,800
Arizona 5/	600	400	400
U.S. TOTAL	31,100	30,780	34,200

- 1/ ORANGES: California, 1 carton = 40 lbs; Florida, 1 carton = 45 lbs.; Texas, 1 carton = 42.5 lbs
- 2/ GRAPEFRUIT: California, 1 carton = 40 lbs; Florida, 1 carton = 42.5 lbs.; Texas, 1 carton = 40 lbs
- 3/ LEMONS: 1 carton = 40 lbs.
- 4/ TANGERINES: California, 1 carton = 40 lbs; Florida, 1 carton = 47.5 lbs.; Arizona, 1 carton = 40 lbs.
- 5/ Includes tangelos, tangerines, and tangors.

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