



2012 California Almond Price Report

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The 2012 average return to almond growers was \$2.58 per pound, up from the December preliminary estimate of \$2.20 per pound. This price is up 30 percent from the 2011 final almond price of \$1.99 per pound. This price results in a record total value of production for California almonds of \$4.82 billion, up significantly from 2011's total value of production of \$4.01 billion.

OBJECTIVES

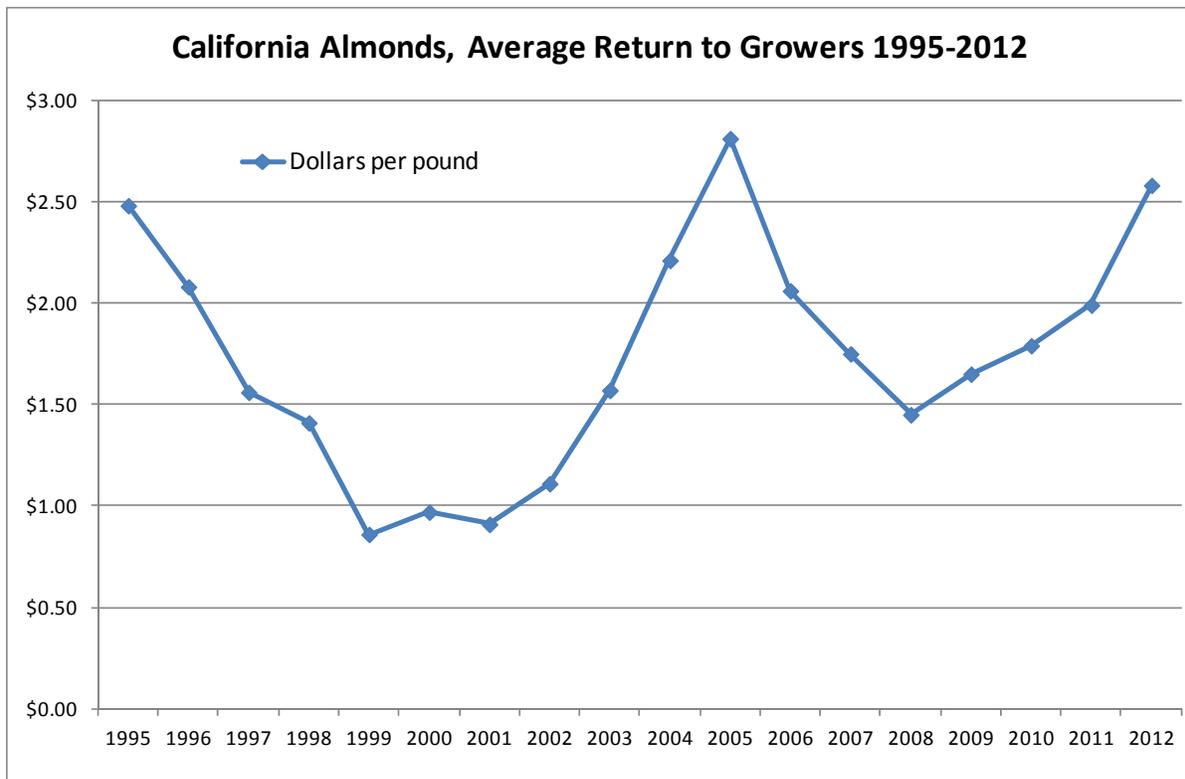
The Pacific Regional Office of the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) conducts an annual price survey of California almond handlers. The purpose of this survey is to provide an annual almond price. It is a continuation of a long series of almond price surveys.

PROCEDURES

The major source of the almond average return to growers was a questionnaire mailed to all almond handlers included on the NASS database. The mailing was made in late September 2013. Telephone and field follow-up was then undertaken. Data collection ended in October 2013.

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California Almond Acreage, Production and Value, 1995-2012

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	2.480	880,896
1996	428,000	72,400	1,190	510	2.080	1,018,368
1997	442,000	63,000	1,720	759	1.560	1,160,640
1998	460,000	120,000	1,130	520	1.410	703,590
1999	485,000	115,000	1,720	833	0.860	687,742
2000	510,000	100,000	1,380	703	0.970	666,487
2001	530,000	75,000	1,570	830	0.910	740,012
2002	545,000	65,000	2,000	1,090	1.110	1,200,687
2003	550,000	60,000	1,890	1,040	1.570	1,600,144
2004	570,000	70,000	1,760	1,005	2.210	2,189,005
2005	590,000	110,000	1,550	915	2.810	2,525,909
2006	610,000	145,000	1,840	1,120	2.060	2,258,790
2007	640,000	125,000	2,170	1,390	1.750	2,401,875
2008	680,000	115,000	2,400	1,630	1.450	2,343,200
2009	720,000	90,000	1,960	1,410	1.650	2,293,500
2010	740,000	85,000	2,220	1,640	1.790	2,903,380
2011	760,000	75,000	2,670	2,030	1.990	4,007,860
2012 2/	790,000	80,000	2,390	1,890	2.580	4,816,860

1/ Price and value are based on the edible portion of the crop only. Inedible production for 2012 is estimated at 23.0 million pounds.

2/ Production and Value of Production revised based on Almond Board Receipts.

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