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AUGUST CROP COMMENTS – CALIFORNIA

Peaches, nectarines, apricots, and plums continued to be picked well into the month, with some varieties reported 2-3 weeks ahead of schedule. Early Clingstone peach harvest began mid-month. Prunes were turning purple, with harvest starting in the central region of the State for other tree fruit crops such as nectarines and peaches. The domestic market for stone fruit continues to be the mainstay of sales for the packing houses. Pear harvest continued with half of the harvest reported complete by the end of July. Apples were sizing well. Gala apple harvest started, with quality reported to be very good. Cherry orchards were pruned and irrigated throughout the month. Grape vines continued to be irrigated and leaves

thinned to allow for light and air circulation. Early table grape varieties were harvested, with fruit being shipped to foreign markets. The flame seedless table grape harvest began mid-month and accelerated toward months' end. In Napa County, wine grapes continued maturing and showing color, with the harvest officially opening at the end of July. Fungicide applications continued. Almond, walnut, and pistachio orchards continued to be irrigated, as additional sun protection was applied to walnuts. Herbicides and mowing were primarily used to control weeds in walnut and almond orchards. Exports of pistachios, shelled walnuts, and almonds remained strong to foreign and domestic markets. Pistachio orchards received worm spray. Insecticides were applied to orchards to treat for navel orange worm and ants. There were some reports of almonds splitting, with orchard ground work being done in preparation for harvest. Some almond growers in the central part of the State began shaking trees toward the end of July. In Fresno County, 30 percent of almonds were reported to be on the ground. In Tulare County, this year's almond harvest began.

CALIFORNIA FRUIT AND NUT STATISTICS AT A GLANCE

Crop	Bearing Acreage		Yield Per Acre		Estimated Production		Production Percent	Next Crop Update
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015		
NUT CROPS	<i>Acres</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>1,000 Pounds</i>			
Almonds (Shelled)	870,000	890,000	2,150	2,020	1,870,000	1,800,000	-4	Jan 2016
Pecans	---	---	---	---	5,000	---		Oct 9, 2015
Pistachio (In-Shell)								
Marketable In-Shell	---	---	---	---	408,000	---		
Shelling Stock	---	---	---	---	106,000	---		
Total	221,000	---	2,330	---	514,000	---		Jan 2016
			<i>Tons</i>		<i>1,000 Tons</i>			
Walnuts (In-Shell)	290,000	---	1.97	---	570	---		Sept 3, 2015
Macadamias (Hawaii)	16,000	16,000	1.28	1.44	20.5	23.0	12	Jan 2016
FRUIT CROPS								
Apples	15,000	---	8.00	---	120	110	-8	Jan 2016
Apricots	9,500	---	5.83	---	55.4	45.0	-19	Jan 2016
Cherries	33,000	---	1.01	---	33.2	68.0	105	Jan 2016
Grapes, Raisin	190,000	185,000	9.28	10.80	1,763	2,000	13	Jan 2016
Grapes, Table	110,000	---	10.60	---	1,166	1,200	3	Jan 2016
Grapes, Wine	565,000	---	6.89	---	3,893	4,000	3	Jan 2016
Grapes, All	865,000	---	---	---	6,822	7,200	6	Jan 2016
Table Olives	37,000	---	2.54	---	94.0	60.0	-36	Jan 2016
Peaches, Clingstone	20,000	---	16.60	---	332	306	-8	Jan 2016
Peaches, Freestone	24,000	---	12.00	---	288	253	-12	Jan 2016
Pears, Bartlett	8,500	---	18.10	---	154	159	3	Jan 2016
Pears, Other	2,600	---	13.50	---	35.0	41.0	17	Jan 2016
Plums, Dried (Prunes)	48,000	48,000	2.17	2.08	104	100	-4	Jan 2016
BERRIES			<i>Cwt.</i>		<i>1,000 Cwt.</i>			
Strawberries 1/	41,500	---	665	---	27,577	---		Sept 4, 2015
CITRUS CROPS 2/								
	2013-14	2014-15	2013-14	2014-15	2013-14	2014-15		
			<i>Cartons</i>		<i>1,000 Cartons</i>			
Grapefruit	10,000	---	770	---	7,700	7,600	-1	Sept 17, 2015
Lemons	46,000	---	817	---	37,600	40,000	6	Sept 17, 2015
Oranges, Navel	133,000	---	582	---	77,400	79,000	2	Sept 11, 2015
Oranges, Valencia	36,000	34,000	594	559	21,400	19,000	-11	Sept 17, 2015
Mandarins & Mandarin Hybrids 3/	45,000	---	653	---	29,400	32,000	9	Sept 17, 2015

(NC) No Change

1/ Includes fresh market and processing.

2/ All citrus fruit - 40.0 lbs per carton.

3/ Includes tangelos, tangerines, and tangors

FLORIDA CITRUS

In the citrus growing region, reported daily highs temperatures were slightly warmer than normal during July, reaching the mid to high 90s on several days. Precipitation was average or above in about two-thirds of the monitored citrus growing counties. Even though rainfall totals were higher overall than normal, abnormally dry conditions still remain in the Eastern coastal counties of Volusia, Indian River, St. Lucie, and Martin, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor. All Central and Western citrus producing counties were relatively drought free.

Orange harvest was over for the season. Growers are now focusing on next season's crop. Grove activity was very busy including overall maintenance, spraying, fertilizing, and chemical mowing. Field workers reported seeing resets in established groves across the citrus growing region. Non-productive blocks and trees were being pushed with plans to reset them as trees become available.

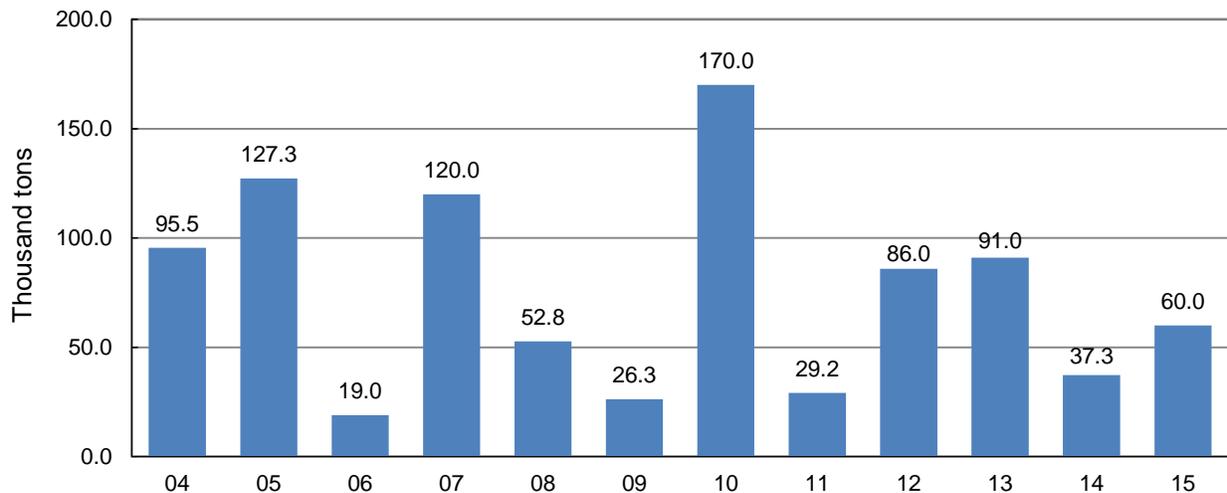
CALIFORNIA TABLE OLIVE FORECAST FOR 2015

The 2015 California table olive forecast is 60,000 tons, up 61 percent from last year's crop of 37,300 tons, according to a survey conducted by the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service. Bearing acreage is estimated at 18,000, which results in a yield of 3.33 tons per acre.

Growers are experiencing continued labor shortages, prolonged drought, and lack of water availability in the San Joaquin Valley. The crop is reported to be about one to two weeks ahead of schedule.

The Manzanillo production forecast is 52,000 tons and the Sevillano production forecast is 7,000 tons. Other varieties are expected to total 1,000 tons.

California Table Olive Production 2004-2014, 2015 Forecast

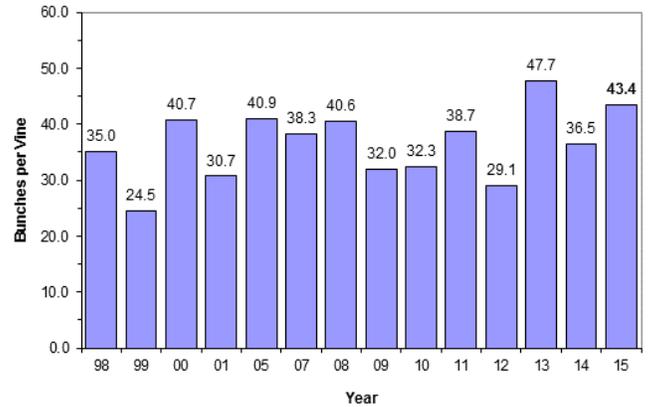


RAISIN-TYPE GRAPE PRODUCTION UP 13 PERCENT FROM THE 2014 FINAL PRODUCTION

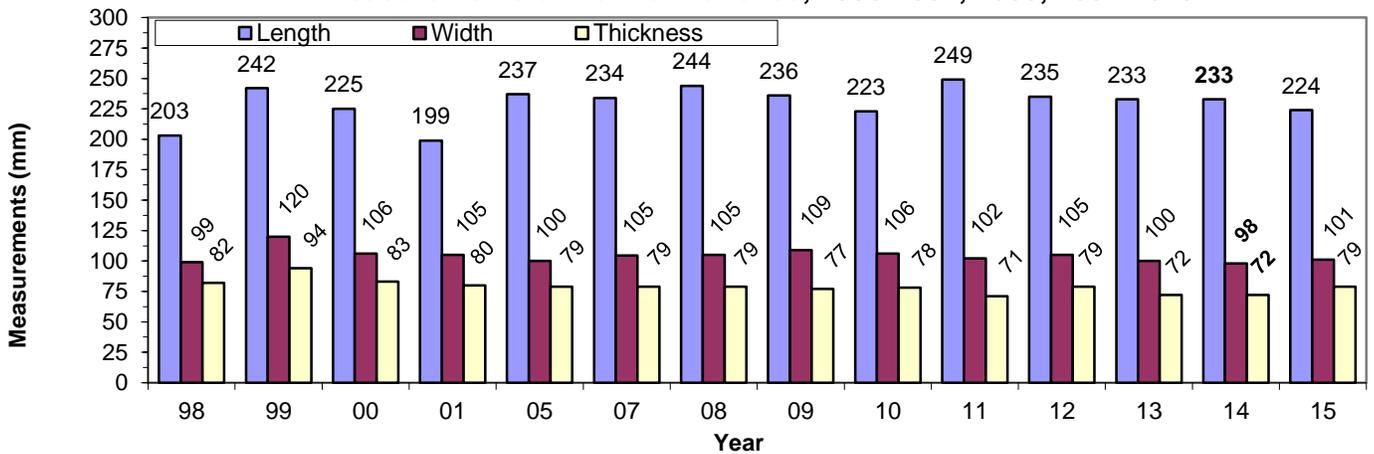
The California raisin-type variety grape forecast is 2.00 million tons, up 13 percent from the 2014 final production. Based on the objective measurement survey conducted by the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) in cooperation with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA), bunches per vine totaled 43.4, up 19% from the previous year's bunch count of 36.5. Bearing acreage is estimated at 185,000, which results in a yield of 10.8 tons per acre.

Growers continued to face drought conditions and lack of water availability. However, despite the drought many growers reported they were managing their water allocations this year more efficiently than in previous years. In addition, crop development is ahead of last year. The forecast is based on the results of the Raisin Grape Objective Measurement (O.M.) Survey conducted in July. The Raisin Administrative Committee provided funding for the 2015 Raisin O.M. Survey.

CALIFORNIA RAISIN-TYPE GRAPES,
Bunches per Vine, 1998-2001, 2005, 2007-2015



CALIFORNIA RAISIN-TYPE GRAPES,
Measurements of Normal Bunches, 1998-2001, 2005, 2007-2015



California Raisin Grape Objective Measurement Survey Results and Official Estimates, 1996-2015

Year	Vines Sampled	Average Bunches Per Vine	Normal Bunches Measured	Average Normal Bunch			Official Estimate		
				Length	Width	Thickness	Bearing 1/	Yield Per Acre 1/	Production
				mm			Acre	Tons	1,000 Tons
1996	362	32.9	1,396	217	102	85	270,000	8.12	2,192
1997	376	40.3	1,763	235	104	87	270,000	10.70	2,883
1998	313	35.0	1,245	203	99	82	275,000	7.55	2,077
1999	303	24.5	863	242	120	94	279,000	7.61	2,122
2000	294	40.7	1,341	225	106	83	280,000	10.40	2,921
2001	294	30.7	1,036	199	105	80	235,000	9.43	2,215
2002	---	---	---	---	---	---	246,000	11.40	2,804
2003	---	---	---	---	---	---	255,000	8.71	2,220
2004	---	---	---	---	---	---	244,000	8.35	2,038
2005	319	40.9	1,430	237	100	79	240,000	9.52	2,285
2006	---	---	---	---	---	---	234,000	7.83	1,833
2007	298	38.3	1,283	234	105	79	227,000	9.48	2,151
2008	327	40.6	1,471	244	105	79	220,000	11.50	2,520
2009	331	32.0	1,191	236	109	77	215,000	9.01	1,938
2010	319	32.3	1,163	223	106	78	210,000	10.20	2,133
2011	325	38.7	1,403	249	102	71	205,000	11.00	2,263
2012	320	29.1	1,066	235	105	79	200,000	9.05	1,810
2013	328	47.7	1,697	233	100	72	200,000	11.40	2,270
2014	314	36.5	1,329	233	98	72	190,000	9.28	1,763
2015	307	43.4	1,455	224	101	79	185,000	10.80	2,000

1/ The following acreage was enrolled in the Raisin Industry Diversion (RID) Program in the year specified: 2001 – 41,000 acres; 2002 – 27,000 acres. These acres were deducted from bearing acreage for yield calculations.

HAWAII COFFEE PRODUCTION UP 10 PERCENT

Hawaii coffee production is estimated at 7.50 million pounds (parchment basis) for the 2014-2015 season, down 11 percent from the previous season. Area harvested totaled 7,800, acres down 400 acres from the previous year. Average yield, at 960 pounds (parchment basis) per acre, is down 60 pounds from last year. Coffee Berry Borer (CBB) continued to be a problem on the Island of Hawaii. The season (in December 2014) also marked the first time CBB has been discovered on the Island of Oahu.

State	Production /1	
	2013-2014 (1,000 pounds)	2014-2015 (1,000 pounds)
Hawaii.....	8,400	7,500

1/ Parchment basis.