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PACIFIC REGION CROP PRODUCTION REPORT

SACRAMENTO - The USDA-NASS, Pacific Region Office has released the crop production forecast for July. The latest survey, which was conducted during the last week of June and the first week of July, included the following commodities.

Almonds - California's 2014 almond production is forecast at 2.10 billion meat pounds, up 7.7 percent from May's subjective forecast and up 4.5 percent from last year's crop. The forecast is based on 860 thousand bearing acres. Production for the Nonpareil variety is forecast at 800 million meat pounds, down 1 percent from last year's deliveries. The Nonpareil variety represents 38 percent of California's total almond production.

Apricots - The forecast of California's 2014 apricot production is 55.0 thousand tons. Harvest began early due to warm spring and summer temperatures. Fruit set was variable with excellent quality.

Oranges - The 2013-2014 California Navel orange forecast is 84.0 million cartons, unchanged from the April forecast, but a 1 percent decrease from last season. The navel orange harvest reached its end as final picking was completed in mid June. The Valencia orange forecast is 24.0 million cartons, unchanged from both the April forecast and last season's crop. The California Valencia orange harvest remains active.

Lemons - The 2013-2014 California lemon forecast is 40.0 million cartons, unchanged from the April forecast, but down 5 percent from last season. The lemon crop is nearly 80 percent harvested.

Grapefruit - The 2013-2014 California grapefruit forecast is 8.00 million cartons, unchanged from the April forecast, but down 11 percent from last season's crop.

Tangerines - The 2013-2014 tangerine forecast is 26.0 million cartons, down 2 percent from the April forecast but the same as last season.

Other Crops - Barley production is forecast at 26.9 thousand tons, down 63 percent from the previous year. Oat production is forecast at 18.0 thousand tons, 30 percent below 2013 production. If realized, the California oat production is at a 133 year low. Wheat other than Durum production is expected to total 459 thousand tons, down 44 percent from 2013. Durum wheat production is forecast at 150 thousand tons, 25 percent below the 2013 production.

Production forecasts are released on a monthly basis and do not reflect final production estimates. Late summer and fall harvests may change these estimates considerably. The next production forecast will be issued August 12, 2014.

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