



2012 California Almond Forecast

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RESULTS

The initial subjective forecast for the 2012 California almond production is 2.00 billion pounds. This is 1.5 percent below last year's record production of 2.03 billion pounds. Yield, forecasted at 2,560 lbs/acre, is down 4 percent from 2011's record of 2,670 lbs/acre. Forecasted bearing acreage for 2012 is 780 thousand. This forecast is based on a telephone survey conducted April 19 - May 1 from a sample of almond growers. Of the 458 growers sampled, 283 reported. Acreage from these reports accounted for 27 percent of the total bearing acreage.

The 2012 almond crop is shaping up nicely. February was warm and dry across the State, creating favorable bloom conditions for almond trees. While the bloom period was shorter than last year, the excellent weather made up for the shorter overlap and bloom load was high. Chilling hours were plentiful. An early March frost resulted in some spotty damage in southern San Joaquin Valley and an early April hailstorm affected orchards in Merced County. Weather in the Sacramento Valley has been near ideal. A heavier than normal drop was reported in the San Joaquin Valley. Low disease and insect pressure were reported.

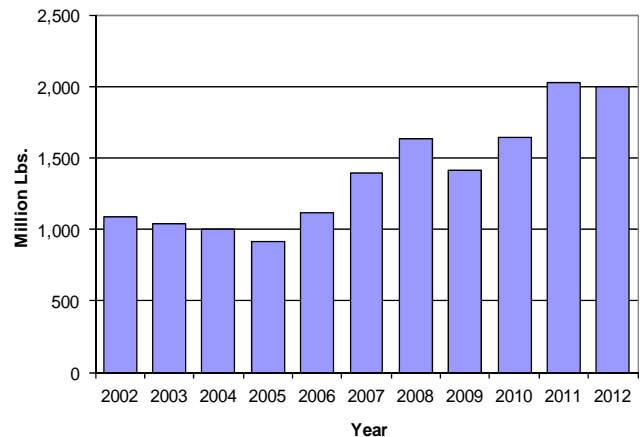
PROCEDURES

Results of the subjective survey are based on **opinions** obtained from growers. The sample of growers changes from year to year and is grouped by size of operation, so all growers will be represented. Each selected grower is asked to indicate their almond yield per acre from last year and expected yield for the current year.

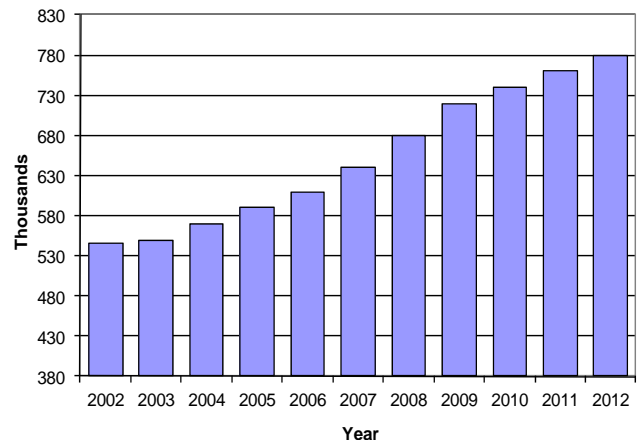
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California Almond Production
2002-2012



California Almond Bearing Acreage
2002-2012



California Almond Acreage, Production and Value, 1995-2012

Year	Bearing	Non-Bearing	Yield Per Acre	Production	Price Per Pound	Value of Production
	Acres		Pounds	Million Pounds	Dollars	\$1,000
1995	418,000	65,700	885	370	2.48	880,896
1996	428,000	72,400	1,190	510	2.08	1,018,368
1997	442,000	63,000	1,720	759	1.56	1,160,640
1998	460,000	120,000	1,130	520	1.41	703,590
1999	485,000	115,000	1,720	833	0.86	687,742
2000	510,000	100,000	1,380	703	0.97	666,487
2001	530,000	75,000	1,570	830	0.91	740,012
2002	545,000	65,000	2,000	1,090	1.11	1,200,687
2003	550,000	60,000	1,890	1,040	1.57	1,600,144
2004	570,000	70,000	1,760	1,005	2.21	2,189,005
2005	590,000	110,000	1,550	915	2.81	2,525,909
2006	610,000	145,000	1,840	1,120	2.06	2,258,790
2007	640,000	125,000	2,170	1,390	1.75	2,401,875
2008	680,000	115,000	2,400	1,630	1.45	2,343,200
2009	720,000	90,000	1,960	1,410	1.65	2,293,500
2010	740,000	85,000	2,220	1,640	1.79	2,903,380
2011 2/	760,000	75,000	2,670	2,030	1.79	3,605,060
2012 3/	780,000	4/	2,560	2,000	5/	5/

1/ Price and value are based on the edible portion of the crop only. Inedible production for 2011 is estimated to be 16.0 million pounds.

2/ Revised production, yield and value.

3/ Preliminary.

4/ Non-Bearing Acreage will be available in April 2013.

5/ Preliminary Price and Value will be available January 2013.

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