



# 2015 California Almond Nursery Sales Report



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### OBJECTIVE

The primary objective of the California Almond Nursery Sales Survey is to estimate future almond acres based on the number of almond trees sold for new plantings. This report summarizes data supplied by California nurseries throughout the State who sold to almond growers for commercial plantings. Results from this survey will be used in conjunction with the Almond Acreage Survey to estimate the almond acres in California.

### PROCEDURES

Questionnaires were mailed to all known almond nurseries in California and responses were received from 9 out of 10 operations. The nurseries were asked to report the total number of almond trees sold for commercial plantings and the total number of Nonpareil variety sold. They were also asked to report the percent of trees sold for new almond orchards, for replanting an existing orchard, or to replace trees within an already existing almond orchard. The totals are only for those nurseries that reported. Acres planted were calculated using the reported number of trees sold, along with the trees per acre from the Almond Acreage Survey.

### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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### RESULTS

There were at least 12.23 million almond trees sold by California nurseries since June 1, 2014. Based on the Almond Acreage Survey, plantings from 2010 to 2015 were used to calculate an average trees per acre of 128. This results in almost 96,000 acres of almonds planted since June 2014. Nearly 33,000 of these acres were Nonpareils. Almost 75 percent of the total trees sold (72,000 acres) are new almond orchard acres and over 19 percent (18,000 acres) replace existing almond orchards. The remaining trees sold replaced trees in already existing almond orchards.

### ALMOND NURSERY SALES SURVEY

Acres	Sold June 2014-May 2015		Sold June 2013-May 2014 1/		Sold June 2012-May 2013 1/	
	All varieties	Nonpareil	All varieties	Nonpareil	All varieties	Nonpareil
Total	96,000	33,000	67,000	26,000	54,000	22,000
New Orchards	72,000	18,000	48,000	19,000	35,000	16,000

1/ Only 8 out of 10 nurseries responded to the previous years' survey

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**CALIFORNIA ALMOND ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE, 1996-2015**

Year	Bearing	Non-bearing	Yield per acre	Production	Price per pound	Value of production
	Acres		Pounds	Million pounds	Dollars	1,000 dollars
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	710,000	115,000	2,300	1,630	1.45	2,343,200
2009	750,000	90,000	1,880	1,410	1.65	2,293,500
2010	770,000	85,000	2,130	1,640	1.79	2,903,380
2011	800,000	75,000	2,540	2,030	1.99	4,007,860
2012	820,000	110,000	2,310	1,890	2.58	4,816,860
2013	850,000	120,000	2,370	2,010	3.21	6,384,690
2014	870,000	150,000	2,150	1,870	3.19	5,891,930
2015 1/	890,000	---	2,020	1,800	---	---

1/ Preliminary estimate of bearing acres and production.

SOURCE: USDA/NASS, Pacific Regional Office