CALIFORNIA TABLE OLIVE FORECAST FOR 2015

The 2015 California table olive forecast is 60,000 tons, up 62 percent from last year’s crop of 37,120 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.

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.

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.

SURVEY SAMPLE

There were 337 growers sampled for the survey. Reports from 197 were used to establish this forecast. The sample is designed to provide a State estimate of all varieties; estimates by variety are less precise.

California Table Olive Production
2004-2014, 2015 Forecast

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