The 2019 California table olive forecast is 81,000 tons, up considerably from last year’s crop of 17,400 tons, according to a survey conducted by the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, Pacific Regional Office. Bearing acreage is estimated at 16,000, which results in a yield of 5.06 tons per acre.

The Manzanillo production forecast is 75,000 tons, Sevillano production forecast is 5,500 tons, and other varieties are expected to total 500 tons.

Ample heat and water availability led to good fruit development. Some growers reported rain during bloom which negatively impacted their olive set.

Marketing remains a concern for California olives, with many growers uncertain how much of their crop will be economical to harvest.

**SURVEY SAMPLE**

There were 313 growers sampled for the survey. Reports from 169 were used to establish this forecast. The sample is designed to provide a State estimate of all varieties; estimates by variety are less precise.