The 2020 California table olive forecast is 30,000 tons, down considerably from last year’s crop of 89,400 tons, according to a survey conducted by the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, Pacific Regional Office. Bearing acreage is estimated at 15,500, which results in a yield of 1.94 tons per acre.

The Manzanillo production forecast is 25,500 tons, Sevillano production forecast is 4,000 tons, and other varieties are expected to total 500 tons.

High heat and winds during bloom caused a poor set for California table olives. Labor costs and marketing remains an issue for California olives growers, with many uncertain how much of their crop will be economical to harvest.

SURVEY SAMPLE

There were 317 growers sampled for the survey. Reports from 165 were used to establish this forecast. The sample is designed to provide a State estimate of all varieties; estimates by variety are less precise.

Final olive receipts are published in the Weekly Olive Receipts Report.