

2011-2012 California Walnut Nursery Sales Report



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OBJECTIVE

The primary objective of the California Walnut Nursery Sales Report survey is to estimate planted acres by variety for the 2011 and 2012 crop years based on the number of walnut trees sold for new plantings. This report summarizes data supplied by California nurseries throughout the State who sold to walnut growers for commercial plantings. Results from this survey will be used in conjunction with the Walnut Acreage Survey to estimate the walnut acres in California.

PROCEDURES

Questionnaires were mailed to all known walnut nurseries in California, and responses were received from all operations. The nurseries were asked to report the number of trees sold by variety for commercial plantings, and to estimate the percentage of trees sold for new plantings. Acres planted by variety were then estimated based on the data reported. Acre estimates were calculated using the reported number of trees sold, along with the trees per acre by variety from the Walnut Acreage Survey.

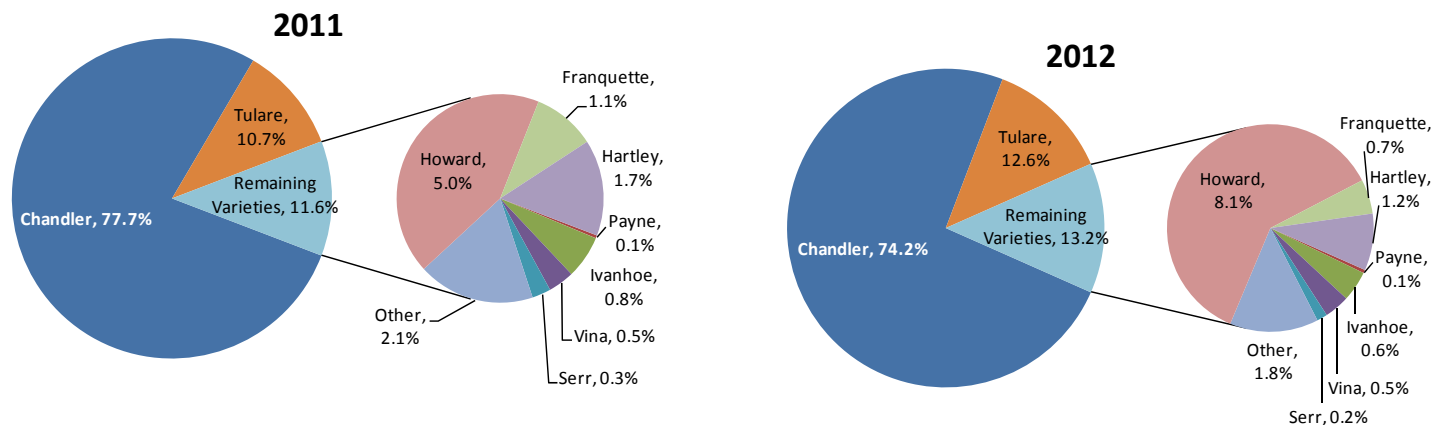
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RESULTS

Combined sales of walnut trees to California growers were 9,566 acres for the 2011 crop year, and 11,310 acres for the 2012 crop year. The Chandler variety accounted for the largest percentage of new plantings in both crop years, at 77.7 percent in 2011 and 74.2 percent in 2012. The Tulare variety came in second with 10.7 percent of the new plantings in 2011, and 12.6 percent in 2012, followed by Howard which accounted for 5.0 percent in 2011 and 8.1 percent in 2012. The remaining percentage by variety can be seen in the pie charts.

WALNUT NURSERY SALES SURVEY CALCULATED ACRES PLANTED



Source: USDA, National Agricultural Statistics, California Field Office

**WALNUT NURSERY SALES SURVEY
CALCULATED ACRES PLANTED, 2011-2012**

| Variety | 2011 | 2012 |
|---------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| | <i>Acres</i> | |
| Chandler | 7,430 | 8,393 |
| Franquette | 109 | 80 |
| Hartley | 167 | 132 |
| Howard | 477 | 913 |
| Ivanhoe | 75 | 71 |
| Payne | 5 | 8 |
| Serr | 33 | 25 |
| Tulare | 1,024 | 1,422 |
| Vina | 45 | 59 |
| Other | 202 | 207 |
| Total ¹ | 9,566 | 11,310 |

¹Totals may not add due to rounding.

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