

2015 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 2015 crop year 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 most operations. Nurseries that did not report data were estimated. 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

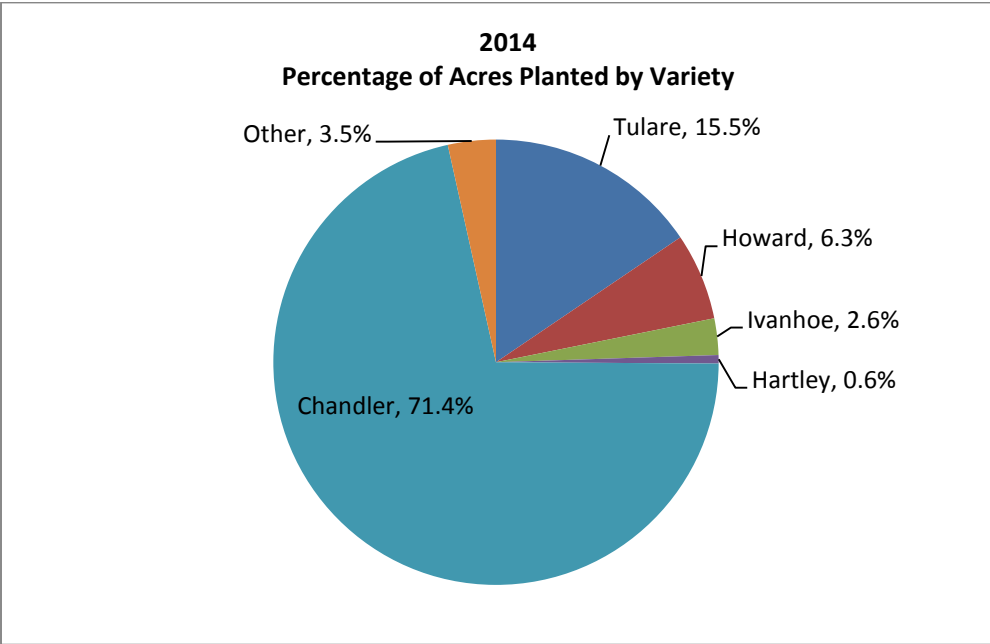
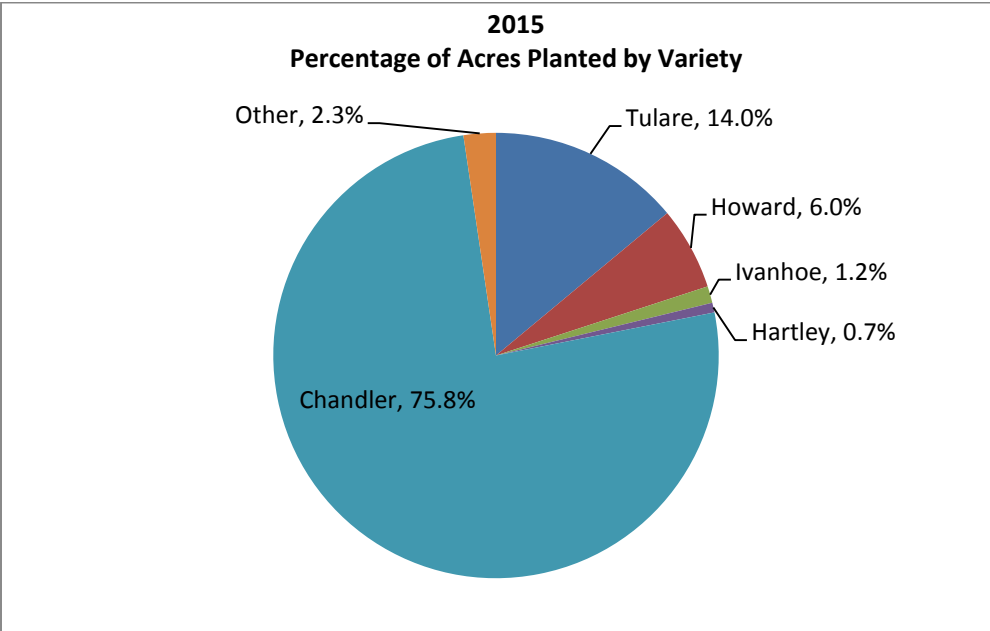
Combined sales of walnut trees to California growers were 18,021 acres for the 2015 crop year. The Chandler variety accounted for the largest percentage of new plantings at 75.8 percent. The Tulare variety came in second at 14.0 percent, followed by the Howard variety at 6.0 percent. The remaining percentage by variety can be seen in the pie charts.

Walnut Nursery Sales Survey Calculated Acres Planted

Variety	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Acres					
Chandler	7,430	8,393	11,020	12,196	13,652
Franquette	109	80	35	29	59
Hartley	167	132	3	104	128
Howard	477	913	913	1,078	1,085
Ivanhoe	75	71	205	452	218
Payne	5	8	1	1	0
Serr	33	25	1	0	0
Tulare	1,024	1,422	1,419	2,651	2,515
Vina	45	59	0	15	24
Other	202	207	2,124	550	340
Total ¹	9,566	11,310	15,720	17,076	18,021

¹ Totals may not add due to rounding.

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