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**MAY CROP COMMENTS - CALIFORNIA**

Avocado trees bloomed. Grape bunches continued to develop. Growers trained vines, tipped bunches, and thinned leaves to allow sunlight and airflow. Pomegranate trees continued to bloom and develop fruit. Apricots, cherries, nectarines, peaches, and plums were harvested. Reflective foil remained in stone fruit orchards to enhance fruit color. Apples increased in size on the trees as growers began thinning fruit. Olive bloom

finished and trees were setting fruit. Prune fruit continued to develop; growers were thinning fruit where necessary. Kiwi vines and pear trees continued to grow and leaf out. Strawberry and blueberry harvests remained active. High winds knocked over almond trees and broke branches early in May. Almond kernels filled and growers sprayed orchards for mites. Nuts continued to develop on walnut trees. Walnut growers sprayed for codling moth. Shells hardened on pistachios. Walnut and pistachio growers irrigated orchards and sprayed for weeds.

Late navel orange harvest finished. Valencia orange harvest remained active.

**CALIFORNIA FRUIT AND NUT STATISTICS AT A GLANCE**

Crop	Bearing Acreage		Yield Per Acre		Estimated Production		Production Percent Change	Next 2014 Forecast
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014		
<b>NUT CROPS</b>	<i>Acres</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>1,000 Pounds</i>			
Almonds (Shelled) 1/	840,000	860,000	2,380	2,270	2,000,000	1,950,000	-3	June 30, 2014 October 10, 2014
Pecans	---	---	---	---	---	---		
Pistachio (In-Shell)	---	---	---	---	---	---		
Marketable In-Shell	---	---	---	---	---	---		
Shelling Stock	---	---	---	---	---	---		
Total	---	---	---	---	---	---		(NA)
Walnuts (In-Shell)	280,000	---	1.76	---	492	---		September 4, 2014
<b>FRUIT CROPS</b>								
Apples	---	---	---	---	---	---		August 12, 2014
Apricots	---	---	---	---	---	---		July 11, 2014
Cherries	33,000	---	2.48	---	82,000	---		June 26, 2014
Grapes, Raisin	200,000	---	12.00	---	2,400	---		August 12, 2014
Grapes, Table	95,000	---	---	---	---	---		August 12, 2014
Grapes, Wine	525,000	---	---	---	---	---		August 12, 2014
Grapes, All	820,000	---	---	---	---	---		August 12, 2014
Olives (Table)	---	---	---	---	75.0	---		August 12, 2014
Peaches, Clingstone 2/	---	---	---	---	---	320		August 12, 2014
Peaches, Freestone	---	---	---	---	---	320		August 12, 2014
Pears, Bartlett	---	---	---	---	---	---		August 12, 2014
Pears, Other	---	---	---	---	---	---		August 12, 2014
Plums, Dried (Prunes)	50,000	49,000	1.70	1.94	85	95	12	(NA)
<b>BERRIES</b>			<i>Cwt.</i>		<i>1,000 Cwt.</i>			
Strawberries 3/	41,500	---	664	---	27,573	---		September 4, 2014
<b>CITRUS CROPS 4/</b>			<i>Cartons</i>		<i>1,000 Cartons</i>			
Grapefruit	9,900	---	909	---	9,000	8,000	-11	July 11, 2014
Lemons	45,000	---	933	---	42,000	40,000	-5	July 11, 2014
Oranges, Navel	136,000	---	625	---	85,000	84,000	-1	July 11, 2014
Oranges, Valencia	39,000	37,000	615	649	24,000	24,000	(NC)	July 11, 2014
Mandarins & Mandarin Hybrids 5/	38,000	---	684	---	26,000	26,400	2	July 11, 2014

(Z) Less than one half of one percent.

(NC) No change.

1/ Almond Objective Measurement Report will be released June 30, 2014.

2/ Over-the-scale tonnage and includes culls and cannery diversions.

3/ Includes fresh market and processing.

4/ All citrus fruit-- 40.0 lbs per carton.

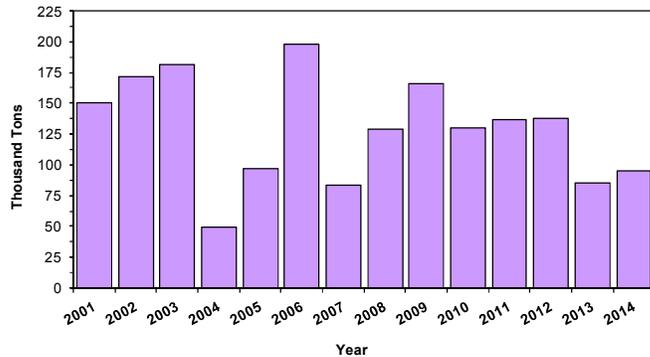
5/ Includes tangelos, tangerines, and tangors.

**2014 CALIFORNIA DRIED PLUM (PRUNE) FORECAST**

The 2014 California dried plum (prune) crop is forecast to be 95 thousand tons, up 12 percent from the 85 thousand tons produced in 2013. Total 2014 bearing acreage is estimated at 49,000. Dried plum trees were pulled after the 2013 harvest, reducing acreage by 2 percent for the 2014 season. The French prune variety accounts for virtually all dried plum acreage grown in California. The production forecast is based on a survey of dried plum growers conducted by the USDA, NASS, Pacific Regional Office from May 6-27, 2014.

The 2014 dried plum bloom was a bit longer than usual, with warm temperatures mostly towards the end. This was a concern for some growers. Set in Yuba and Sutter counties is excellent, while set in other areas is erratic. Harvest is expected to begin around the middle of August.

**California Dried Plum Production - 2001-2014 (Dried Basis)**



**REVISED 2013 ACREAGE ESTIMATES**

The adjacent table contains revised acreage estimates for the 2013 almonds, grapes, dried plums, and walnuts. These estimates are based on the industry-funded acreage surveys conducted for these crops. The survey results were recently published by the USDA, NASS, Pacific Regional Office.

More detailed acreage reports for these crops are available on our website at [www.nass.usda.gov/ca](http://www.nass.usda.gov/ca).

**ACREAGE ESTIMATES, 2013 CROP**

Crop	Bearing	Non-Bearing	Total
	Acres		
Almonds	840,000	100,000	940,000
Grapes, All	820,000	58,000	878,000
Raisin	200,000	3,000	203,000
Table	95,000	10,000	105,000
Wine	525,000	45,000	570,000
Plums, Dried (Prunes)	50,000	a/	---
Walnut	280,000	45,000	325,000

a/ Non-bearing survey not conducted.