

2022 California Almond Forecast



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RESULTS

The initial subjective forecast for the 2022 California almond production is 2.80 billion pounds. Forecasted production is 4% below last year's production of 2.92 billion pounds. Forecasted bearing acreage for 2022 is a record high of 1,370,000. Forecasted yield is 2,040 pounds per acre, 8% lower than the 2021 yield of 2,210 pounds per acre. The subjective production forecast is based on a survey conducted from April 19 to May 6 from a sample of 500 almond growers. Respondents had the option of reporting their data by mail, online, or phone.

Similar to last year, the 2022 almond crop experienced a mostly dry winter throughout the state. Although there were a few scattered storms, snowpack and water levels continue to be well below normal.

The almond bloom began in early February with favorable weather for pollination. Warm temperatures encouraged a shorter bloom period than has occurred in recent years. The North Region, with an earlier bloom than the Central and South Regions, was hit the hardest by a freeze that occurred during the last week in February. Frost damage was observed, with reports that some acres would be left unharvested without an adequate nut set. In addition to variability in expected yields across regions, the impact of the freeze appears to differ by variety, as late-blooming varieties were reported to have fared better than the earlyblooming varieties.

Excellent weather in April helped the crop develop, with a few instances of spring rain bringing some relief to areas impacted by drought conditions. The lack of water continues to be a top concern for almond growers.

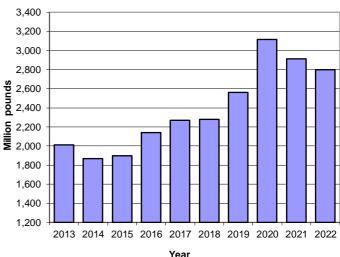
Despite record-high bearing acreage, the 2022 crop is not expected to be as large as the past two years.

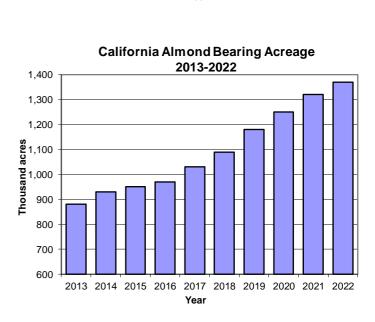
PROCEDURES

Results of the subjective survey are based on opinions obtained from growers. The sample of growers changes from year to year and is grouped by size of operation, so all growers will be represented. Growers are asked to indicate their almond yield per acre from last year and expected yield for the current year.

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California Almond Production 2013-2022

Year	Bearing	Non-bearing	Yield per acre	Production	Price per pound	Value of production
	acres		pounds	million pounds	dollars	1,000 dollars
1995	418,000	65,700	890	370	2.48	880,89
1996	428,000	72,400	1,190	510	2.08	1,018,3
1997	442,000	63,000	1,720	759	1.56	1,160,6
1998	460,000	120,000	1,130	520	1.41	703,5
1999	485,000	115,000	1,720	833	0.86	687,7
2000	510,000	100,000	1,380	703	0.97	666,4
2001	530,000	75,000	1,570	830	0.91	740,0
2002	545,000	65,000	2,000	1,090	1.11	1,200,6
2003	550,000	60,000	1,890	1,040	1.57	1,600,1
2004	570,000	70,000	1,760	1,005	2.21	2,189,0
2005	590,000	110,000	1,550	915	2.81	2,525,9
2006	610,000	145,000	1,840	1,120	2.06	2,258,7
2007	640,000	125,000	2,170	1,390	1.75	2,401,8
2008	710,000	115,000	2,300	1,630	1.45	2,343,2
2009	750,000	90,000	1,880	1,410	1.65	2,293,5
2010	770,000	85,000	2,130	1,640	1.79	2,903,3
2011	800,000	75,000	2,540	2,030	1.99	4,007,8
2012	820,000	110,000	2,310	1,890	2.58	4,816,8
2013	880,000	120,000	2,280	2,010	3.21	6,384,6
2014	930,000	170,000	2,010	1,870	4.00	7,388,0
2015	950,000	240,000	2,000	1,900	3.13	5,868,7
2016	970,000	300,000	2,210	2,140	2.39	5,052,4
2017	1,030,000	330,000	2,200	2,270	2.53	5,603,9
2018	1,090,000	300,000	2,090	2,280	2.50	5,602,5
2019	1,180,000	340,000	2,170	2,560	2.45	6,169,1
2020	1,250,000	350,000	2,490	3,115	1.71	5,251,4
2021	1,320,000	320,000	2,210	2,915	1.76	5,028,3
2022 12	1,370,000	(NA)	2,040	2,800	(NA)	(N

California Almond Acreage, Production, and Value: 1995-2022

¹ Preliminary estimate of bearing acres is based off the Almond Acreage Report and the Almond Nursery Sales Survey.

² Yield is a rounded calculation based off production and the preliminary estimate of bearing acres.

(NA) Not available.

SOURCE: USDA/NASS, Pacific Regional Office