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Survey Methodology

- Representative sample of orchards based on location, variety and age
- Randomly select two trees in each sampled orchard
- Follow Random Path Method to locate two count units per tree and estimate the average set.
- Sample of nuts taken and sent to sizing station
- Measure kernel weight, length, width, thickness and grade





Forecast Models

- Models are designed to produce a forecast of total almond production at the state level from the sample data.
- Separate models are run for Nonpareil since there are a sufficient number of samples.
- There are not enough samples for models to forecast production of any other varieties.



2025 Almond OM Forecast



Forecast Models

- Models use:
 - Official estimates of bearing acres and trees per acre
 - OM measurements of:
 - nuts per tree
 - percent sound
 - weight
 - width
 - thickness
 - length
- Model output is regressed against final production using previous 15 years.





Data Collection

- Field Work: May 24 June 28
- Use 50+ Enumerators across all growing areas.
- Sample size was 1,059 orchards
 - Collected data from 1,892 trees in 946 orchards

Thank you to the growers for allowing us access to your orchards.

Thank you to those that encouraged growers to participate.



2025 Almond OM Forecast



Number of Samples by Variety within Counties

	Butte	Independence	Monterey	Nonpareil	Padre	Other ¹	Total
Butte	0	1	1	11	0	0	13
Colusa	3	0	5	23	1	7	39
Fresno	8	31	43	64	11	29	186
Glenn	0	0	0	22	0	0	22
Kern	15	9	50	66	9	28	177
Kings	0	3	5	4	0	0	12
Madera	4	9	32	42	5	19	111
Merced	10	18	26	41	11	26	132
San Joaquin	1	11	0	24	0	6	42
Solano	0	2	0	1	0	0	3
Stanislaus	8	27	20	50	6	47	158
Sutter	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Tehama	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
Tulare	0	6	12	18	0	0	36
Yolo	0	1	2	8	0	1	12
Total	49	119	196	376	43	163	946

¹ Other includes Aldrich, Bennett, Carmel, Fritz, Mission, Price Cluster, Shasta, Sonora, Supareil, Winters, and Wood Colony.





- Bloom began early February in the Sacramento Valley and peaked around the middle of the month.
- Variable weather during bloom with some rain, wind and hail. Warmer weather through the end of bloom.
- Mild temperatures in spring and so far this summer.
- Orchards continue to be pulled.





And the 2025 Production forecast is.....



2025 Almond OM Forecast



3.00 billion meat pounds

- Up 10% from the 2024 production of 2.73 billion meat pounds
- Up 7% from the May 2025 Subjective forecast of 2.80 billion meat pounds





Highlights

- Record high 1.39 million bearing acres, an increase of 10,000 acres from 2024.
- Yield calculates to 2,160 pounds/acre, up 9% from last year's 1,980 pounds/acre
- The 80% confidence interval is 2.61 to 3.39 billion meat pounds.







Nonpareil Variety

- Production from Nonpareil variety is forecasted at 1.20 billion meat pounds
- Up 9% from the 2024 production
- Accounts for 40% of total production

ALMOND PRODUCTION - CALIFORNIA OM Forecast vs Final Estimate







Almond Set 2023 – 2025 Average nuts per tree

	2023	2024	2025	% Change
California	3,953	4,072	4,364	7.2







Thank you to the producers who allowed us to collect data for this survey in their orchards.





ALMONDS NUTS PER TREE, BY COUNTY & STATE







Almond Set per Tree by Variety, 2023 - 2025

	2023	2024	2025	% Change
Butte	4,043	3,316	4,820	45.4
Independence	4,048	3,448	4,129	19.8
Monterey	3,598	4,257	4,156	-2.4
Nonpareil	4,004	4,137	4,526	9.4
Padre	4,055	3,953	4,470	13.1







Year

96.0



Topsoil Moisture Map





California Soil Moisture Map for the Week of June 23 - 29, 2025







Forecasts and all Statistics Available On-line

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