

# 2014 California Almond Nursery Sales Report



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### OBJECTIVE

The primary objective of the California Almond Nursery Sales Survey is to estimate future almond acres based on the number of almond trees sold for new plantings. This report summarizes data supplied by California nurseries throughout the State who sold to almond growers for commercial plantings. Results from this survey will be used in conjunction with the Almond Acreage Survey to estimate the almond acres in California.

### PROCEDURES

Questionnaires were mailed to all known almond nurseries in California and responses were received from 8 out of 10 operations. The nurseries were asked to report the total number of almond trees sold for commercial plantings and the total number of Nonpareil variety sold. They were also asked to report the percent of the trees sold for new almond orchards, for replanting an existing orchard, or to replace trees within an already existing almond orchard. The totals are only for those nurseries that reported. Acres planted were calculated using the reported number of trees sold, along with the trees per acre from the Almond Acreage Survey.

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### RESULTS

There were at least 8.33 million almond trees sold by California nurseries since June 1, 2013. This represents a 25 percent increase from those sold a year earlier. Of those sold since June 1, 2013, 72 percent were used for new plantings, 24 percent were used to replant an already existing almond orchard and 4 percent were used to replace trees within existing orchards.

Based on a new planting average of 125 trees per acre per the Almond Acreage Survey, almost 67,000 acres of almonds have been planted since the middle of 2013. Over 26,000 of these acres were to Nonpareils. Almost 72 percent of the total trees sold (48,000 acres) are new almond orchard acres and almost 24 percent (16,000 acres) replace existing orchards. The remaining trees sold replaced trees in already existing orchards.

ALMOND NURSERY SALES SURVEY				
Acres	Sold June 2013-May 2014		Sold June 2012-May 2013	
	<i>All Varieties</i>	<i>Nonpareil</i>	<i>All Varieties</i>	<i>Nonpareil</i>
Total	67,000	26,000	54,000	22,000
New Orchards	48,000	19,000	35,000	16,000

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**CALIFORNIA ALMOND ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE, 1995-2014**

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	880,896
1996	428,000	72,400	1,190	510	2.08	1,018,368
1997	442,000	63,000	1,720	759	1.56	1,160,640
1998	460,000	120,000	1,130	520	1.41	703,590
1999	485,000	115,000	1,720	833	0.86	687,742
2000	510,000	100,000	1,380	703	0.97	666,487
2001	530,000	75,000	1,570	830	0.91	740,012
2002	545,000	65,000	2,000	1,090	1.11	1,200,687
2003	550,000	60,000	1,890	1,040	1.57	1,600,144
2004	570,000	70,000	1,760	1,005	2.21	2,189,005
2005	590,000	110,000	1,550	915	2.81	2,525,909
2006	610,000	145,000	1,840	1,120	2.06	2,258,790
2007	640,000	125,000	2,170	1,390	1.75	2,401,875
2008	710,000	115,000	2,300	1,630	1.45	2,343,200
2009	750,000	90,000	1,880	1,410	1.65	2,293,500
2010	770,000	85,000	2,130	1,640	1.79	2,903,380
2011	800,000	75,000	2,540	2,030	1.99	4,007,860
2012	820,000	110,000	2,300	1,890	2.58	4,816,860
2013	840,000	100,000	2,390	2,010	2.90	5,768,100
2014 1/	860,000	---	2,440	2,100	---	---

1/ Preliminary estimate of bearing acres and production.

SOURCE: USDA/NASS, California Field Office