

# The Economic Impacts of the California Almond Industry

Almonds have been grown in California since the early 1900s. The Almond Board of California (ABC), a grower enacted Federal Marketing Order, was established in 1950 to represent the approximately 6,500 growers and 100 almond processors across the state. The ABC operates under a board/committee structure populated by growers and processors who volunteer their time. California Almonds are California's #1 agricultural export and #3 agricultural crop valued at \$4.35 billion in 2012.<sup>1</sup> California produces 80 percent of the world's almonds and 100 percent of the US commercial supply.<sup>2</sup>

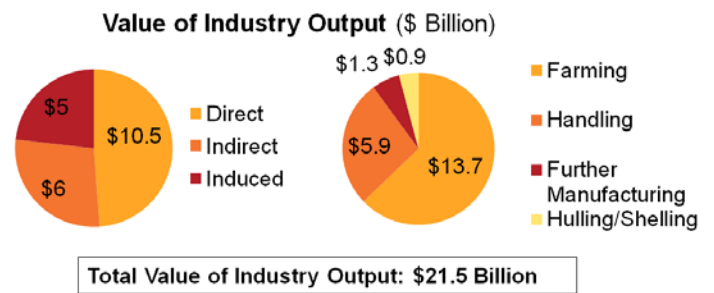
## Economic Value

### **\$21 Billion in total economic output -- \$11 Billion to Gross California Economy**

A recent study from the University of California Agricultural Issues Center (AIC) directed by Dr. Daniel Sumner, found that the California Almond industry supports California's economic well-being by generating more than 100,000 jobs and more than \$21 billion gross revenue across all industries in the state, adding about \$11 billion dollars to the size of the state's total economy.

The study looked beyond the value of production and other industry specific data to trace the influence of the almond industry on the rest of the economy. The AIC measured:

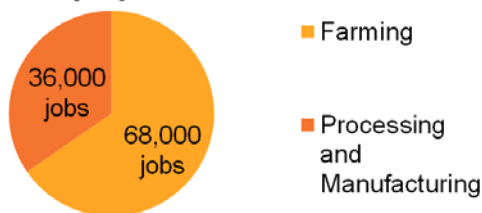
1. **Direct impact** through value of almond production and employment
2. **Indirect impact** through demand for inputs to almond production, processing and marketing
3. **Induced impact** through how almond income allows consumption of other goods and services produced in California



**The contribution of almonds based solely on almond production, processing, and marketing in California is approximately \$11 Billion.**

## Employment

### Employment Generation



The almond industry as a whole, including processing and marketing, generates about 104,000 jobs statewide. Three quarters of those jobs are outside the almond industry – jobs that follow almonds off the farm and outside of the processing plant as a result of the business that almond industry members do with other companies and money they spend in their communities.

- Almond growing is responsible for about 21,000 direct farm jobs

**97,000 jobs are generated in the Central Valley – vital in a region that has had high unemployment.**

The full report can be found online at <http://aic.ucdavis.edu/almonds/>

<sup>1</sup> National Agricultural Statistics Service

<sup>2</sup> Almond Board of California 2014 Almond Almanac