



# 2009 California Almond Forecast

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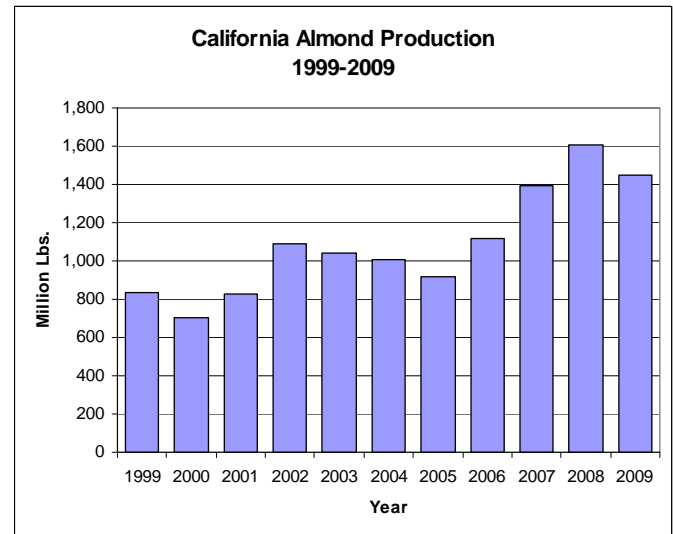
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## RESULTS

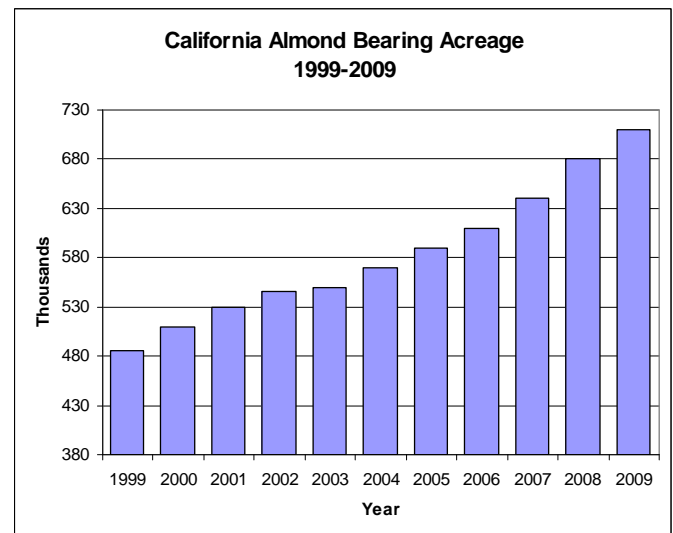
The initial forecast for the 2009 California almond production is 1.45 billion pounds. This is 10 percent below last year's revised production of 1.61 billion pounds. Estimated bearing acreage for 2009 is 710 thousand. This forecast is based on a telephone survey conducted April 23 - May 5 from a sample of almond growers. Of the 470 growers sampled, 275 reported. Acreage from these reports accounted for 23 percent of the total bearing acreage.

After a difficult spring, the 2009 almond set looks good. Bloom progressed slowly due to wet conditions; wet weather hampered pollination. Cool temperatures did extend the almond bloom in parts of the Sacramento Valley. Freezing temperatures in March caused damage to some almond orchards. Mites were present on almonds across the state. However, control measures, combined with some spring rains, resulted in little damage to the crop. Almond growers were assessing how future water stress will impact orchard management.



## 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. Each selected grower is asked to indicate their almond yield per acre from last year and expected yield for the current year.



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**California Almond Acreage, Production and Value, 1995-2009**

Year	Bearing	Non-Bearing	Yield Per Acre	Production	Price Per Pound 1/	Value of Production 1/
	Acres		Pounds	Million Pounds	Dollars	\$1,000
1995	418,000	65,700	885	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 2/	680,000	115,000	2,370	1,610	1.45	2,314,200
2009 3/	710,000	N/A	2,040	1,450	N/A	N/A

1/ Price and value are based on the edible portion of the crop only. Inedible production for 2008 is estimated to be 14.0 million pounds.

2/ Revised production, yield and value.

3/ Preliminary

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