



# 2013 California Almond Forecast

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## RESULTS

The initial subjective forecast for the 2013 California almond production is 2.00 billion pounds. This is 6 percent above last year's production of 1.89 billion pounds. Yield, forecasted at 2,470 lbs/acre, is up 3 percent from the 2012 yield of 2,390 lbs/acre. Forecasted bearing acreage for 2013 is 810 thousand. The subjective production forecast is based on a telephone survey conducted April 17 - April 30 from a sample of almond growers. Of the 464 growers sampled, 305 reported. Acreage from these reports accounted for 31 percent of the total bearing acreage.

After a wet and cold winter, the 2013 almond crop began bloom 2 weeks later than normal. Bloom was strong and fast, which shortened overlap and pollination time. Despite this, set was looking very good. High winds in early April knocked nuts and branches off trees, as well as knocking down some trees. Many of the nuts blown off trees were expected to have dropped off in May or June anyway. Nonpareil drop has been reportedly heavy. Water will be a concern for growers this year, as allotments have been reduced.

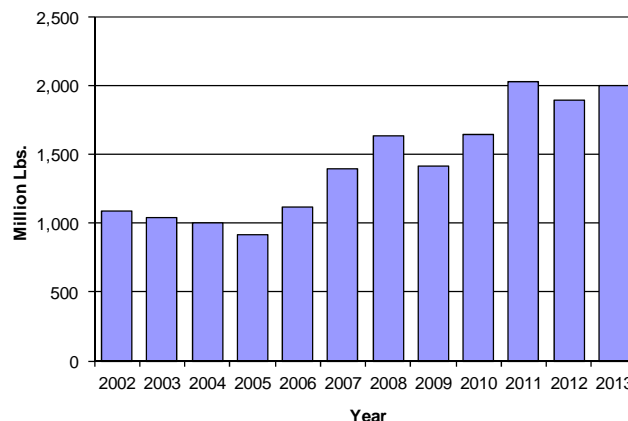
## PROCEDURES

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.

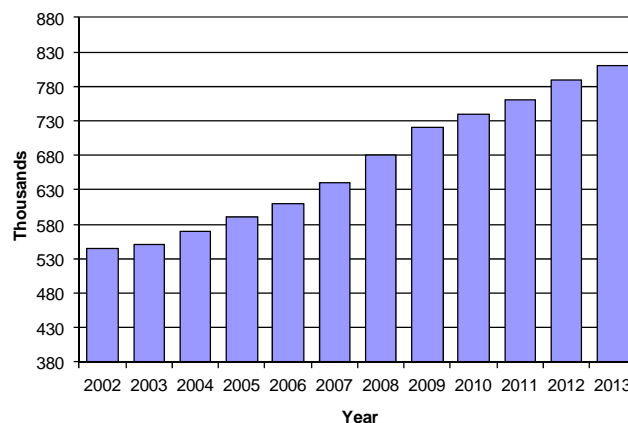
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California Almond Production  
2002-2013



California Almond Bearing Acreage  
2002-2013



**California Almond Acreage, Production and Value, 1995-2013**

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	680,000	115,000	2,400	1,630	1.45	2,343,200
2009	720,000	90,000	1,960	1,410	1.65	2,293,500
2010	740,000	85,000	2,220	1,640	1.79	2,903,380
2011	760,000	75,000	2,670	2,030	1.99	4,007,860
2012	790,000	80,000	2,390	1,890 2/	2.20	4,107,400 3/
2013	810,000	4/	2,470	2,000	---	---

1/ Price and value are based on the edible portion of the crop only. Inedible production for 2012 is estimated to be 23 million pounds.

2/ Production based on Almond Board of California receipts from handlers.

3/ Value based on Almond Board of California receipts from handlers.

4/ Non-Bearing Acreage will be available in April 2014.