



Almond AP Information Sheet



Purpose:

To collect total almond acreage, bearing age acreage, and almond production for the previous crop year and expected production for the current year.

The resulting data provides the Almond industry with a reliable source of information to use in making informed production and marketing decisions.

This survey is of great interest and importance to the almond industry, particularly this year as it will be the first time in 60 years that NASS will **not** provide an Objective Measurement (OM) forecast in July. The industry will rely heavily on this Subjective Production Forecast to negotiate pricing between growers and handlers.

Overview

- Project code: 142
- Mails out around: April 21
- Release of data: May 12th at 9am PDT (CA time) – released in the Crop Production Report
- Only conducted in California

Survey Questions:

- Total acres of almonds for the previous year and also for the current year
 - Of these, how many were bearing age
 - All acres of bearing age should be recorded even if they did not produce a crop during the survey year due to insects, disease, drought, etc.
- Production for the previous year and then their expected production for the current year
 - Most respondents will report in total pounds or pounds per acre (yield). Some may report in tons or tons per acre, but it is very rare to report in units other than pounds or tons. If they report in other units, please make a comment.

Some things to keep in mind:

- Bearing age acres cannot be greater than total acres of almonds
- Please leave plenty of notes explaining anything you think the statisticians at NASS may need to know about the crop or odd things about the operation
 - We love comments about weather, bee activity/pollination, and comparisons to the previous year (bigger crop than last year, smaller crop, etc)
- If the operation is completely out of business, please leave notes as to what happened to the operation, new operator contact information, etc. This information is needed to update our records.
- If almond production is outside the following ranges please leave notes explaining why the yields were so low or high:
 - Almond yields are typically between 1,500 and 2,500 pounds per acre.
 - Less than 1,000 Lbs/Acre or 0.5 Tons/Acre would be low
 - Greater than 3,000 Lbs/Acre or 2 Tons/Acre would be high