

Sunrise Fresh Dried Fruit

As many close the summer season with Labor Day, the bulk of Central California Valley is busily harvesting the first nut crop in California: Almonds.

The season generally begins at the Southern part of the Central Valley at the end of July/beginning of August and works its way north. By mid-August, the largest variety- Non-Pareil- is being harvested throughout the state. This year's crop is estimated to be 3 billion pounds, up substantially from the 2019 crop of 2.53 billion pounds. This increase is attributed to a good bloom, the weather in February and a large number of younger orchards coming into full production (around 100,000 additional acres estimated in bearing acreage).



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ALMONDS



As this year's harvest continued into September, the crop was nearing that initial 3 billion pound estimate, and yet, there were still a lot of almonds to be harvested. We are now midway through September and the pollinator varieties are slowly beginning. We have experienced much lower than average temperatures, which can be attributed to the smoke and wildfires throughout the state. The poor air quality has made it difficult for crops to be harvested. This shouldn't affect the almond quality, however the lower temperatures slow down the rate of drying that the almonds undergo in the field, which in turn slows harvesting.

Even so, reports from growers sound as though things are running smoothly and on time for the most part, and quality looks good even for a larger crop!

*Sincerely,
Jake Samuel*