



NEWSLETTER

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Almond Industry Position Report

April 2018

Million Lbs

Carry-in August 1, 2017	398.7
2017 Net Marketable Crop (Received to date).....	<u>2,213.2</u>
Total Supply.....	2,611.9
Sold Shipped & Not Shipped	
Domestic	716.5
Export.....	<u>1,450.0</u>
Total Sold.....	2,166.5
Uncommitted Inventory (Not Sold)	445.4

Position Report

For the seventh consecutive month, California posted a record by shipping 176.4 million pounds or 16.1% over last year. Total year-to-date shipments stand at 1.792 billion pounds, putting our industry 12.1% ahead of the 2016 crop. The domestic market drove the month by being up 44.4% compared to the same period last year representing 73.3 million pounds. Exports were slightly up at 1.9% or 103.1 million pounds. At this shipping pace, we will have little carry-in heading into 2018 crop. Using current crop marketable receipts of 2,213.2, we are roughly 83.4% sold as an industry.

The Market

Since the release of the Terra Nova crop estimate last month, the market has come alive. Demand has been robust out of Europe, India and domestically. Most needs are for near-by shipments but increased interest for new crop and first available has been on the rise. Pricing is now close to the levels we experienced after the freeze. Even with the new crop looking better than first expected, demand has outstripped supply. A third record-sized crop in a row is needed to continue to fill the global demand. Current crop inventory is either sold out or close to sold out on certain product types. In turn, buyers are having to book what they can get. At current price levels, expect this tight supply scenario to remain deep into harvest.

2017 Almond Acreage Report

California 2017 almond acreage was estimated at 1,000,000 acres bearing and 330,000 acres of non-bearing. The preliminary estimate for bearing acreage of 2018 is 1,070,000.

2018 Subjective Estimate

Last week NASS subjective forecast put the 2018 crop at 2.30 billion pounds. This represents an increase of 1.3% over last year. Yield-per-acre is forecasted to be 2,150 pounds or 5.3% down from prior year mainly attributed to the freeze.

2017 Crop Progress Payment

The next pool payment has been scheduled for Friday, May 25th. It is as follow;

- Nonpareil / Sonora inshell will go to \$2.40 lb. ~ an increase of 80-cents
- Independence inshell will go to \$2.00 lb. ~ an increase of 40-cents
- Nonpareil kernels will go to \$2.40 lb. ~ an increase of 80-cents
- Independence kernels will go to \$1.75 lb. ~ an increase of 15-cents
- All other varieties will go to \$1.75 lb. ~ an increase of 45-cents

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