



NEWSLETTER

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Almond Industry Position Report

	July 2019
	<u>Million Lbs</u>
Carry-in August 1, 2018	359.0
2018 Net Marketable Crop (Received to date).....	<u>2,224.2</u>
Total Supply	2,583.2
Sold Shipped & Not Shipped	
Domestic.....	836.2
Export	<u>1,597.7</u>
Total Sold.....	2,433.9
Uncommitted Inventory (Not Sold)	155.1

Position Report

California ended the year on a strong note by shipping a record number of almonds for both the month of July as well as year-to-date. Monthly shipments were up 7.2% compared to prior year which pushed yearly total shipments to a record 2.26 billion pounds that slightly beat out last year's total of 2.25 billion pounds. With only 155.1 million pounds of uncommitted inventory, the carry-in is set to be 12% less than last year, equaling a reasonable 319 million-pound carry in. Harvest season can't come quick enough for the global buying community. New crop commitments sit at 351.9 million pounds compared to 261 million pounds last year or 34.8% ahead of last year.

The Market

Activity has been minimal over the course of this last month as current crop inventory is practically wiped out and harvest is 7 – 10 days behind prior years. Early harvest reports from various growers and hullers is that yields appear to be decent as well as quality, but at the same time nobody has enough information to gather any meaningful data thus creating a waiting game on decision making for both buyers and sellers.

Global demand has been soft with the majority of Europeans still on vacation. Prices have now come off their highs post objective by about \$0.10 - \$0.15 per pound depending on the item. This transitional period is historically a slow sales time with demand picking up the deeper we get into harvest. Uncertainty in China has prompted them to delay purchases but hot spots still are present with India having consistent demand. India actually ended last year up 16% with almost 231 million pounds shipped their way. That double digit growth is expected to continue which really helps offset some of the losses experienced in China. India is now the largest export market followed by Spain and China.

2019 Seasonal Pool Delivery Payment

The seasonal pool delivery payment for 2019 crop will be \$0.70 per pound on Nonpareil inshell and kernels, \$0.70 per pound on Sonora inshell, \$0.60 per pound on Independence inshell and \$0.55 per pound on all other varieties and types. Delivery payments will be made twice a month as crop is received and graded by the USDA. Due to the delayed crop harvest, checks will begin being sent out September 15th.

Reminder: Grower Deferment Payment Schedule Agreement

Deferments are to be in place prior to crop delivery. If you need a deferment form, please call your field representative or Jennifer in the office. Thank you and we wish everyone a smooth and dry harvest season!

“Buyer & Seller of Quality California Almonds”