



# NEWSLETTER

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## July 2019

### Almond Industry Position Report

June 2019

*Million Lbs*

Carry-in August 1, 2018 .....	359.0
2018 Net Marketable Crop ( <i>Received to date</i> ).....	<u>2,223.2</u>
<b>Total Supply</b> .....	<b>2,582.2</b>
<b>Sold Shipped &amp; Not Shipped</b>	
<b>Domestic</b> .....	<b>822.4</b>
<b>Export</b> .....	<b>1,570.6</b>
<b>Total Sold</b> .....	<b>2,393.0</b>
<b>Uncommitted Inventory (Not Sold)</b> .....	<b>189.2</b>

### Position Report

June shipments were once again strong by being up 5.4% compared to last year, representing a healthy 165 million pounds. Domestic was actually down by 8.2% but exports were up by a nice clip of 14.3% compared to June of last year. Year-to-date shipments now stand at 2.1 billion pounds which is slightly ahead of last year. With one month to go, we will more than likely end up with another record shipment year. Commitments are solidly ahead by 18.3% compared to prior year. With only 189 million pounds left of uncommitted inventory, California has successfully marketed the entirety of the 2018 record crop which is quite encouraging considering Chinese trade issues, Turkish political problems and overall unease in global markets. Taking the above numbers as well as current receipts, the industry is roughly 94% sold.

### 2019 California Almond Objective Measurement Report

The NASS Objective Estimate was released last Wednesday and reflected a crop figure of 2.2 billion pounds. This was met with shock as most anticipated a number closer to or above 2.5 billion pounds. The estimate is based on 1,170,000 bearing acres with an average yield of 1,880 pounds per acre. Samples were derived from 817 orchard blocks throughout the state. Nonpareil variety is expected to be down 1.3% and represent 40% of the total crop.

### The Market

Current crop inventory has been very tight for sometime now so pricing has stayed firm. The bottom of the market has continued driving prices but even Nonpareil kernels have slowly begun to move up in price. The real shock in the arm occurred last week when the objective estimate came out at only 2.2 billion pounds. This left many scratching their heads but at the same time feeling that maybe we all over estimated true crop potential, especially considering the weak pollination conditions of February. Prices promptly firmed up on both new and current crop. New crop California prices moved up \$0.40 - \$0.50 lb. while Nonpareil was less sharp but still a strong \$0.25 lb. Couple the current robust shipment numbers along with the Objective Estimate and you have the makings of bullish marketplace that is all but reaffirmed, at least until we get deep into harvest when true crop potential is realized. Even then, if this crop is indeed bigger, the global appetite for almonds is obviously there at prevailing prices of 2018 crop.

### 2019 Crop Final Payment

Minturn Nut is planning to announce and make our final payment during the month of August. At that point, we will also state our on-delivery payment.

*“Buyer & Seller of Quality California Almonds”*