

# THE NUTCAST



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## #1 Non-Chocolate Easter Candy...



The first Peep was created in 1953.

It takes 6 minutes to make a Peep.

An average of 5.5 million peeps are made daily at the Just Born factory in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

In one year, Just Born makes enough peeps to circle the earth—TWICE!

Peeps wings were clipped in 1955 to create a sleeker, modern look.

It takes 37,000 Peeps to equal the weight of one boy band like One Direction.

Yes, there are such things as Peeps lip gloss, Peeps egg nog, and Peeps milk.

*In all seriousness, we wish you a blessed Easter as you celebrate Christ's resurrection with your family and friends.*

*Happy Easter!*



**Next payment:  
June 30**

## MARKET REPORT

The March shipping report has been published. Numbers prove that customers were calling last month. The industry shipped more pounds in March than we did in February. We even shipped more than was shipped last March 2016.

Valley Harvest has been consistently shipping about a half a million pounds of your almonds each month, except in January when we shipped over 600,000 pounds. We are pleased to say that all of your almonds have been consumed without being sent overseas. There may be a day that we need to export product, but for now, we have steady buyers in Canada, Mexico and the United States.

The biggest factor in the pricing market has been the Terra Nova Trading



publication. They do their own research and project the next crop year. They have a strong voice in the industry so people listen. Are you ready for this? **They are projecting a 2.27 billion pound crop.** According to their report, nonpareils will produce

850 million pounds, the largest crop ever, despite the bloom weather. This supercedes the current crop of 815 million pounds. Their other variety comments were...carmels look

'quite poor' and are declining in production, california varieties look 'good' and the mission almonds will be a 'significant producer'. Even better for our growers, they project Stanislaus county should set another record high in production. Although this is good news for growers, it does affect the pricing and creates a very soft market. Standards have slipped ten cents to \$2.25 per pound to the buyer.

## Bob and Toni are back in the USA...

After 34 days travelling around South Africa, Bob and Toni returned home. It took a few days to acclimate back to the current day and time but they made it. They were in the office Monday morning ready to catch up with the working crew and do business. **NOT!** They did make a presence in the office but they went through mail, told stories, sorted through hundreds of pictures and called many family and friends. Bob was glad to be able to spend time driving the grandkids to and from school and Toni had lunch with some friends. But the 'catch up' time is over. They are in their RV traveling to the state of Texas so they can sightsee for 38 days before returning home. Just maybe we'll have some pictures to share during the May NutCast.