

# THE NUTCAST

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It has been 2 years since the last **Nativity Open House** showing. It is time again to set up the 750+ set collection, and Toni invites each of you, along with your family and friends, to attend this year's enhanced **Nativity Open House**. The showing has grown from their home and Nativity display room to include the decorated garage!

Enjoy the true meaning of Christmas as you browse through 750 ways to tell one precious story – that Jesus has come as a Babe of Bethlehem. The location is their home, 3242 S. Carpenter Rd (the plant location). The schedule is as follows:

**Thursday, Dec. 7**  
10AM-8PM

**Friday, Dec. 8**  
10AM-8PM

**Saturday, Dec. 9**  
10AM-8PM

**Sunday, Dec. 10**  
1PM-8PM



## MARKET REPORT

Shipping numbers are 15% higher than last year at this time and Valley Harvest shipments are even greater.

Right now we feel a slight softening of prices in some areas – particularly the smaller sized almonds. The larger sized almonds have held their higher price because of the lower quantities. The previous drought and the 2017 hot summer stunted the growth patterns yielding a greater amount of small almonds which has weakened the current pricing. However, many of the small almonds become the valued added manufac-

turing stock for Valley Harvest and those prices have not changed yet.

We don't know the final incoming total crop receipts because almonds will continue to process at hullers/shellers until spring. Right now the industry is at 68% of the forecasted 2.25 billion pounds. We will keep you posted when that number is known.



## Harvest Report

The harvest is over. Most Valley Harvest deliveries are in – we have a few hullers with grower stock piles that have not yet been received. Our total receipts should be complete before month end. The high inedible count has improved as more hard shells arrived. Statistics reveal the truth...last year's total inedible count was 1/2% of the incoming pounds. This year (to date), the inedible count is 1.3% of the incoming pounds – almost three times as many pounds! The harvest was dry and extremely dusty this year – but, overall, was an easy harvest. We just get to work harder to clear the dust and remove the inedible, but *that's our job!*

## Thanksgiving & Blessings

Valley Harvest wishes each of you a wonderful Thanksgiving. Enjoy your time with family and friends, make memories, and consume way more than the FDA single standard 2,350 daily caloric intake. One of our precious brokers once told me, "I don't eat less the week before Thanksgiving, I eat more. Stretch that stomach muscle so it can consume all my heart desires on Thanksgiving."

After you have devoured your Thanksgiving turkey and pumpkin pie, Bob and Wayne have plans to be Santa to our growers starting December 1. We trust they will find you home to deliver a little Christmas thank you.

Happy  
Thanksgiving

A colorful illustration of Thanksgiving items, including pumpkins, corn cobs, and a turkey, arranged in a decorative pattern.