

THE NUTCAST

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Rainbow Facts

1. God's promise that he will never flood the earth again.
2. A rainbow appears when it is raining in one part of the sky and sunny in another.
3. Order of colors: ROYGBIV (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet).
4. When the sun is lower, the rainbow will be higher in the sky.
5. There isn't a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow.
Bummer!
6. Earth is the only planet in the solar system where rainbows are possible.
7. Double rainbows occur when light bounces inside the water droplet more than once.
8. The state of Hawaii is home to more rainbows than any other area on earth.

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MARKET REPORT

During February 2019, the almond industry shipped 1.7% less than it did last year, and Valley Harvest also shipped less than 12 months ago. At this point in the crop year, the 2018 incoming receipts are at 99.4% of the estimated 2.275 billion pounds. By the end of the 2017 crop, the Almond Board reported a growth of 10 million incoming pounds from February to July. If the 2018 crop continues the same receipt level as last year, the incoming pounds will still fall short of the estimated crop, but only by a couple million pounds. What does this mean for our growers? It means the market is steady and strong. Continue to nurture your fruitful almond trees and grow beautiful brown meats.

Prices haven't seen much movement since the last Nutcast even in light of the rain and tough pollination season. The spread between the Carmel and Mission varieties are very compressed when selling as whole brown skin almonds. Typically, the industry feels about a ten-cent spread, but this year, the spread is less than that. In small-

er sizes, there is hardly any difference at all. Valley Harvest continues to sell many manufactured products. Often, we hear that your almonds make beautiful butter, slice, dice and roasted products. A **VERY** big thank you to Valley Harvest Nut employees who daily work hard making your almonds look amazing and taste delicious.



As for the rest of this crop year, it is anticipated for prices to remain steady. There are a few respected projection reports that will publish in the next few months. If the previous wet and poor weather lead to a poor 2019 crop projection, the industry could see prices firm. However, the opposite is also true...if the reports favor a strong outlook for the 2019 crop, we could see prices soften. You hear us say, "what we **can** count on each year is that **each year** is different." I don't understand how that can be true each year, but it is. No matter the year, it's a healthy almond; you grow them, and we will box and ship them to consumers. Let's keep our strong teamwork moving forward supplying the world with nutritious almonds.



Bob and Toni are on a 28 day Holland America cruise to Hawaii and the French Polynesia islands. Today they are in Honolulu, Hawaii touring and eating sushi. Soon

they will be on the seas again floating towards Bora Bora, Kiribati, Raiatea, Papeete, Fakarava and Tahiti. You can follow them on FaceBook at: [Toni Skittone-Conway](#).

PRODUCE SAFETY RULE

Growers need to follow GAP's...**Good Agricultural Practices** can be found at the California Almond Board website at

<http://www.almonds.com/growers/growing-safe-product/gaps>

Overview! To the best of your ability:

1. Test irrigation water
2. Follow soil amendments requirements
3. Remove dead animals & remnants before harvesting
4. Train employees & document it
5. Clean & sanitize human/animal food contact surfaces

For more information, visit FDA website at

<https://www.fda.gov/food/guidanceregulation/fsma/ucm334114.htm>