

# THE NUTCAST

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## Training Tuesday

Training JANUARY 19, 2021:

During this training, growers will learn which bloom diseases to watch out for in 2021, when to spray and when to use cultural controls, and how to implement best management practices to combat bloom and post-bloom pests and diseases. In addition, growers will receive instruction on when to begin irrigating and tools available to best manage water resources.

**Duration: 1-1.5 hours**

### Dial-In Info Audio and Video:

Join on your computer or via the Microsoft Teams mobile app  
(call VHN if you would like us to email you the link)

### Audio only

(866) 629-0965 (Toll-free)  
Conference ID: 692 093 994#

**Next Session Feb 2, 2021**

**Groundwater Recharge:  
The Why and The How**

## Market Report

The monthly position report has been released with statistics of staggering shipments. Shipments were up 24% over last year at this time. Almonds are moving at record pace. Both domestic and export shipments were up in December even with less days of business from the holiday season and the problems at the port. Valley Harvest Nut followed suit with shipments the highest we have seen.

Incoming tonnage also continues to climb. The industry is now at 2.86 billion pounds and with the carry in, we are over 3 billion pounds! It is still predicted that crop receipts for the year will hit the 3 billion pound level plus the carry in. There is indication that the incoming might even exceed the estimate of three billion pounds, but with higher consumption, lower prices, and the health benefits of our product, the crop should be sold by end of season. Our sales for this last month were up considerably over November 2020 and over last year at this time.

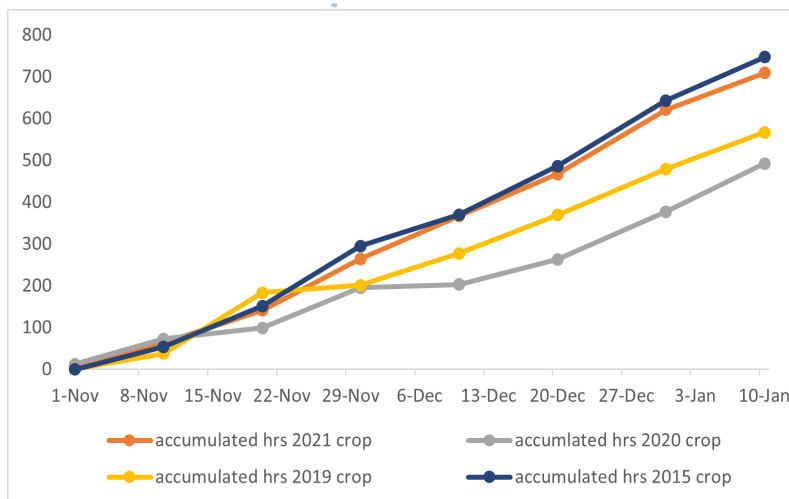
Prices did increase slightly last month, but remain stable at the present time. Some handlers have talked of pushing the price up again, but that could slow the movement of this large crop. For now, prices remain stable.

As we approach the bloom season, concern is growing regarding the dry year and lack of rain. By the time the next report comes out, we could see some blossoms on the trees. That would be a bad time for the much needed rain!



## Chill Hours

**FACT:** Almond trees need between 200 and 300 hours of weather below 45 degrees during the dormant season (Nov 1 - Jan 15).



According to the UC Davis website, chill hours, recorded at Station #71 Modesto, for the 2021 crop are significantly higher than the prior two crops, and quite similar to the 2015 crop.