

THE NUTCAST

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The Almond Journey Podcast is brought to you by the Almond Board of California. This show explores how growers, handlers, and other stakeholders are making things work in their operations to drive the almond industry forward. Host Tim Hammerich visits with leaders throughout the Central Valley of California and beyond who are finding innovative ways to improve their operations, connect with their communities, and advance the almond industry.

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Market Report

Windy March came in like a lamb and went out the same! During this windy month almond shipments were strong and robust. The industry indicates that shipments are 17% above last year and last month's shipments were the second highest month in history. Valley Harvest was equally as busy and our shipment percentage has now exceeded the industry's shipment percentage. Even with the challenges of Covid affecting the food industry, the problems at the ports here and abroad, and higher costs for trucking transportation, the almonds are moving.

We have seen a slight increase in pricing – especially as the larger sized almonds are almost gone but the demand remains the same.. This could also affect the prices

upward for the remaining varieties and our manufactured items that stem from these other varieties. Keeping that balance of attractive pricing to buyers and yet adequate support for our growers is always a precarious and challenging endeavor. Janine, who now does most of the selling, many times says "No" to a buyer and then they call back and say "OK, I'll take them at your price."

The next information affecting our industry will be the NASS Acreage report to be released in a few days and the NASS Subjective Estimate on May 12th. We will keep you posted as the information becomes available.

CFAP 2

USDA's Farm Service Agency
is currently accepting
NEW and MODIFIED CFAP 2 applications

USDA will reopen signup for CFAP 2 for at least 60 days beginning April 5, 2021 through Farm Service Agency offices. Phone: (209) 491-9320

CFAP payments to specialty crop producers, which includes almond farmers, are now calculated using the producer's eligible sales in calendar year 2019, and crop insurance indemnities, NAP, and WHIP+ payments for crop year 2019, multiplied by an applicable payment rate. **This may mean a higher payment for producers.**

Specialty crop producers who applied during the CFAP 2 sign-up period that closed December 11, and received insurance indemnities, NAP payments, or WHIP+ payments for the 2019 crop year, **should contact their local USDA Service Center to modify their CFAP 2 application.**

For more information, go to <https://www.farmers.gov/cfap2/specialty>