

THE NUTCAST

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June 2021

Save
the
Date



2021 Grower
Appreciation Dinner



Date & Time:

Tuesday, Aug. 24
6:00PM

Location:

Valley Harvest Nut

Invitations will be
mailed end of July

Market Report

After the bombshell subjective estimate of **three billion pounds** for next crop year, phones stopped ringing and the market became stone dead. The phone did ring a few times with offers extremely low to which we sweetly responded **“no thank you”**. Thankfully, prices have rebounded to close to what they were just before the announcement of the subjective estimate. Within the last three months (March, April, and May), we have seen an overall fluctuation in prices of about 10 cents.

Shipping for the industry was up in May - *almonds are still moving*. An interesting fact: overall shipments for the current crop year are at 70% compared to 71% last year. Although the shipping percent is one percent lower, the increased pounds this year is 554 million pounds **more** than last year! Therefore, sales and consumption are up tremendously!

Your grower price strengthened in the April check. We still have a few days before we know the exact amount for June 30th check, so we will continue to **sell your almonds**.

We are grateful for our growers and endeavor to do the best we can to grant you returns that match your farming efforts.

We look forward to our bi-annual grower dinner with our theme:

“better together with our growers”!

We, growers and processor, **need each other**.



Now—NAVEL ORANGE WORM ISSUES

Independent PCA, Tracy Miller, said that trap counts were much higher at the start of the season. The lack of rainfall in the winter along with warmer temperatures in early spring may have allowed many overwintering larvae to survive. Miller said that growers will want to be paying close attention to when the 2nd generation flight of **NOW** will begin to emerge. The large number of **NOW** seen in orchards early in the season could occur again as hull split approaches; Miller believes the 2nd generation will be very big.

Growers will want to be ready with their applications. Hull split is expected to commence sometime around the second week of July, but there is a chance that the 2nd generation could come early and not fall in sync with hull split.

“If (growers) are late getting their hull split insecticide on, they’re going to be in trouble because we’re going to see a mass amount of egg-laying that occurs very early this year,” Miller noted. “I think it could be devastating.”

<https://agnetwest.com/almond-update-second-flight-of-now-expected-to-be-substantial/>

