

# THE NUTCAST

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## **Sampling of Almond Board Topics:**

- \*Pollinator Habitat: What You Need to Know About Endangered Species
- \*New Pests and the Prevention Against Future Invasions
- \*State of the Industry
- \*What to Do with Unplanted Land?
- \*When to Irrigate: Considering Soil and Tree Growth
- \*Design, Analyze and Refine Your Pest Management Plan
- \*Predicting an Orchard's Yield Early in the Season
- \*New Pests and the Prevention Against Future Invasions

## **Market Report**

Crop Receipts continue to come in as hullers and shellers process stock piles. The industry receipts increased by almost 10% from last month bringing us to 2.5+ billion of the 2.8 billion NASS Objective Forecast. While it still seems the industry will not hit the estimate, it could get closer to it than earlier anticipated.

Shipments for the month also increased slightly. Domestic shipments (where Valley Harvest is active) dipped slightly and export shipments increased. That could be reflected on the celebration of the holidays by our side of the world and not celebrated by many of the export countries.

It also appears that buyers are becoming acclimated to the increased prices; they realize their supply is running low and the crop receipts could be tight as the year progresses. The reality has kept prices firm and even increased slightly during December. While the industry doesn't foresee huge price increase, the handler's quoted prices should remain stable.

Prices for manufactured product is stable at this time. Brown nut prices (whole almonds) varies according to the size sold but has stayed consistent throughout December. We had an interesting scenario here in our office just a few days ago. In a phone discussion with an almond sales broker, he indicated that prices slipped downward just a bit for brown nuts. Within the same hour our field man walked in stating that prices "out there" are the same. Shortly after his visit a grower walked in and said he heard prices are up! All this within 60 minutes! Depends on who you are to know what the "status" is!!!

We stay in the middle with our ears open and always push for the best prices we can muster as we represent you, our grower! We definitely do believe there are better days ahead for the almond grower. We will do our best to "tighten our pencil" on the expense side and push as hard as we can on the sales side! That's our job!

Happy New Year.

## **Almond Board Discusses Pollination**



### **Honey Bee Best Management Practices**

The Almond Board of California offers pollination stakeholders a comprehensive guide: the Honey Bee Best Management Practices (BMPs).



### **Cover Crops and Forage**

Cover crops and resident vegetation can provide enhanced agronomic and ecosystem benefits to California almond orchards.



### **Finding Bees**

California law requires beekeepers to register bees with their local County Agricultural Commissioners. The BeeWhere program allows beekeepers to do just that in a simple manner.

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