



# Pacific Region Fruit & Nut Review

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## CALIFORNIA – JULY CROP COMMENTS

Mid-Season peaches, nectarines, apricots, and plums continued to be harvested, packed, and shipped to domestic and foreign marketplaces. The hot weather caused stone fruits to mature about two weeks earlier than last year. Fruit trees were irrigated and herbicide applications made to some orchard floors. Pomegranates were sizing well. The blueberry harvest slowed and was completed by mid-month. The avocado harvest continued despite heat causing some fruit to drop. Fig growers continued preparations for harvest of a second crop. Wine grapes in the Central Valley approached veraison. In Fresno County, grapes were sugaring with some mite spray applied. In Colusa, Sacramento, Solano, and Yolo Counties, the grape harvest began towards month's end. The Pinot Gris wine grape harvest began towards the end of the month. The table grapes were harvested in the Central Valley area of the State. Grape vineyards were sprayed for mildew, mites, and weed control. Vineyards were irrigated to mitigate stress impacting sugar accumulation.

The olive crop was reported to be progressing well at month's end. Almond hull split increased in some orchards. Almond growers applied hull split sprays in anticipation of the harvest in early August. However, the almond shake had begun in Fresno and Merced Counties by the end of July. Worm sprays were applied to some almond orchards. Yellowing and leaf loss in Carmel almond orchards were reported in Stanislaus and Merced Counties. Spider mite activity picked up with the ongoing heat after being tempered by the cool conditions and rain in May. Irrigation and grooming of nut orchards continued across the State. Due to the high heat early in the month, walnut growers sprayed orchards for sun burn. Walnut branches were broken from the weight of a heavy set, and were removed from orchard floors. Codling moth spraying in walnut orchards continued as did monitoring for husk fly. Irrigation and fertilization continued in orchards not being prepared for harvest. New plantings of almond and pistachio trees were leafing out well in response to the warm weather and irrigation. Pistachios were well into nut fill with less blanks being reported.

## HAWAII COFFEE PRODUCTION DOWN 5 PERCENT

The final Hawaii utilized coffee production is estimated at 34.7 million pounds (cherry basis) for the 2015-2016 season, a 5 percent decrease from the previous season. Bearing acreage totaled 6,900 acres, down 900 acres from the prior season. Weather events and Coffee Berry Borer (CBB) damage accounted for the drop in acreage. However, average yield is at 5,300 pounds (cherry basis) per acre, up 580 pounds from the previous season. The statewide farm price for coffee averaged \$1.56 per pound (cherry basis), a drop of 9 percent from the previous season's price of \$1.72 per pound. The value of utilized production for coffee is estimated at \$54.2 million (cherry basis) for this season, 14 percent less than last season's \$62.6 million. CBB remains a concern for the industry, though controlling measures are showing signs of progress.

## Coffee Production – Hawaii: 2015 and 2016

State	Production <sup>1</sup>	
	2015	2016
	<i>pounds</i>	<i>pounds</i>
Hawaii .....	36,570,000	(NA)

<sup>1</sup> Cherry basis.  
(NA) Not available.

## California Fruit Bearing Acres, Yield, and Production: 2015 and Forecasted August 1, 2016

Crop	Bearing acreage		Yield per acre		Total production	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
	<i>acres</i>	<i>acres</i>	<i>tons</i>	<i>tons</i>	<i>tons</i>	<i>tons</i>
Apple.....	14,000		10,400.00		146,000,000	210,000,000
Grapes, Raisin.....	184,000		10.90		2,007,000	1,750,000
Grapes, Table.....	112,000		10.10		1,135,000	1,250,000
Grapes, Wine.....	560,000		6.62		3,705,000	3,900,000
Peaches, Clingstone .....	19,000		17.90		340,600	320,000
Peaches, Freestone .....	24,000		11.10		267,000	260,000
Pears, Bartlett.....	8,500		20.20		172,000	164,000
Pears, Other .....	2,600		11.50		30,000	33,000