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Almond Industry Position Report

April 1998

1997-98 Crop Year

Salable	Forecast	1997-98	1996-97	% Change
	mil lbs.	8/1 - 4/30 Kernel Wt.	8/1 - 4/30 Kernel Wt.	
1. Carryin August 1, 1997	48.3	48,287,428	92,798,770	-47.97%
2. Crop Receipts To Date	680.0	752,270,686	506,609,668	48.49%
3. [4% Loss & Exempt]	27.2	30,090,827	20,264,387	
4. New Crop Marketable (2-3)	652.8	722,179,859	486,345,281	
5. [Reserve]	n/a	0	0	
6. Total Supply (1+4-5)	701.1	770,467,287	579,144,051	33.04%
Shipments by Handlers				
7. Domestic	160.0	121,526,676	102,945,438	18.05%
8. Export	430.0	360,823,248	334,847,245	7.76%
9. Total	590.0	482,349,924	437,792,683	
10. Estimated Salable Carryout	111.1	n/a	n/a	
11. Computed Inventory (6-9)	n/a	288,117,363	141,351,368	103.83%
Commitments (sold, not delivered)**				
12. Domestic		61,865,721	27,444,549	
13. Export		82,845,346	33,743,531	
14. Total		144,711,067	61,188,080	
15. Uncommitted Inventory (11 - 14)		143,406,296	80,163,288	

** 54% of handlers reported commitments on their Form 25. Those handlers reporting committed inventory handled 65% of last year's crop.

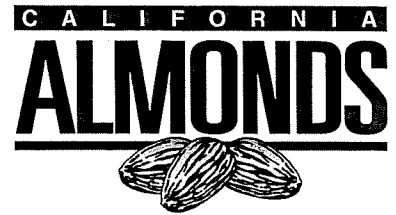
MONTHLY REPORT OF SALABLE HANDLER SHIPMENTS

	1997-98 Crop Year		1996-97 Crop Year	
	4/1 - 4/30	8/1 - 4/30	4/1 - 4/30	8/1 - 4/30
DOMESTIC				
Shelled	10,331,881	121,705,620	7,571,525	97,898,614
Manufactured	3,984,363	38,525,500	3,270,083	37,396,722
Products	129,310	1,218,492	62,304	1,204,471
Inshell	3,658	3,507,726	71,617	3,473,733
[Interhandler Transfers]	(3,103,196)	(18,810,710)	(406,250)	(8,241,633)
[Industry Purchases]	(1,566,779)	(24,619,952)	(1,386,847)	(28,786,469)
TOTAL	9,779,237	121,526,676	9,182,432	102,945,438
		25%		24%
EXPORT				
Shelled	19,070,725	262,142,716	10,253,527	223,509,780
Manufactured	6,635,032	70,550,782	6,644,403	92,004,743
Inshell	734,436	28,129,750	452,252	19,332,722
TOTAL	26,440,193	360,823,248	17,350,182	334,847,245
		75%		76%
NET SHIPMENTS	36,219,430	482,349,924	26,532,614	437,792,683
		100%		100%
EXEMPT/INEDIBLE SHIPMENTS	334,890	4,621,582	680,987	4,770,035

EXPORT DELIVERIES BY DESTINATION
(Kernel Weight)

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		Crop Year 1997-98 08/01/97 through 4/30/98				Crop Year 1996-97 08/01/96 through 4/30/97				
	Country	Shelled	Inshell	%		Country	Shelled	Inshell	%	
North America	Canada	12,896,757	173,976	3.62%		Canada	9,982,723	140,752	3.02%	
	Mexico	4,252,083	0	1.18%		Mexico	2,253,300	88	0.67%	
	Total	17,148,840	173,976			Total	12,236,023	140,840		
Central America	Costa Rica	75,058	0	0.02%		Costa Rica	24,052	0	0.01%	
	Others	13,528	15,942	0.01%		Others	17,589	0	0.01%	
	Total	88,586	15,942			Total	41,641	0		
Caribbean	Dominican Republic	***	0	0.00%		Dominican Republic	21,000	0	0.01%	
	Others	41,624	10	0.01%		Others	42,851	0	0.01%	
	Total	41,624	10			Total	63,851	0		
South America	Argentina	2,279,557	143,488	0.67%		Argentina	927,376	132,243	0.32%	
	Brazil	731,711	183,751	0.25%		Brazil	838,501	265,359	0.33%	
	Chile	563,119	5	0.16%		Chile	***	0	0.00%	
	Colombia	122,750	0	0.03%		Colombia	157,450	0	0.05%	
	Venezuela	495,545	0	0.14%		Venezuela	291,314	0	0.09%	
	Others	103,444	5	0.03%		Others	92,305	0	0.03%	
	Total	4,296,126	327,249			Total	2,306,946	397,602		
Western Europe	Austria	1,173,483	0	0.33%		Austria	1,474,250	0	0.44%	
	Belgium	6,836,309	0	1.89%		Belgium	8,409,439	1,750	2.51%	
	Denmark	6,642,598	0	1.84%		Denmark	5,220,367	0	1.56%	
	Finland	964,074	0	0.27%		Finland	869,030	0	0.26%	
	France	21,924,450	132,443	6.11%		France	27,437,219	207,114	8.26%	
	Germany	79,141,892	73,800	21.95%		Germany	80,395,897	117,070	24.04%	
	Greece	4,048,256	0	1.12%		Greece	4,008,200	8,142	1.20%	
	Ireland	112,675	0	0.03%		Ireland	0	0	0.00%	
	Italy	11,501,700	114,143	3.22%		Italy	11,346,523	505,986	3.54%	
	Malta & Gozo	***	0	0.00%		Malta & Gozo	53,723	0	0.01%	
	Netherlands	18,431,638	0	5.11%		Netherlands	19,845,516	0	5.93%	
	Norway	3,039,324	0	0.84%		Norway	3,238,684	0	0.97%	
	Portugal	611,250	0	0.17%		Portugal	1,189,400	7,630	0.36%	
	Spain	31,145,983	43,000	8.64%		Spain	29,479,044	0	8.80%	
	Sweden	7,400,733	0	2.05%		Sweden	7,055,599	0	2.11%	
	Switzerland	5,459,868	0	1.51%		Switzerland	5,615,526	0	1.68%	
	United Kingdom	19,351,388	6,864	5.37%		United Kingdom	19,533,753	40,658	5.85%	
	Others	71,150	0	0.02%		Others	0	0	0.00%	
Total	217,856,771	370,250			Total	225,172,170	888,350			
Eastern Europe	Czech Republic	1,273,675	0	0.35%		Czech Republic	832,649	0	0.25%	
	Estonia	910,000	0	0.25%		Estonia	0	0	0.00%	
	Latvia	153,462	0	0.04%		Latvia	***	0	0.00%	
	Poland	195,000	0	0.05%		Poland	***	0	0.00%	
	Russia	2,415,283	0	0.67%		Russia	546,700	0	0.16%	
	Others	152,478	0	0.04%		Others	205,373	0	0.06%	
	Total	5,099,898	0			Total	1,584,722	0		
Middle East	Cyprus	48,362	0	0.01%		Cyprus	***	0	0.00%	
	Israel	3,575,350	539,813	1.14%		Israel	3,011,014	354,615	1.01%	
	Jordan	964,725	334,810	0.36%		Jordan	169,200	31,500	0.06%	
	Kuwait	1,217,625	0	0.34%		Kuwait	610,650	31,500	0.19%	
	Lebanon	2,784,100	330,044	0.86%		Lebanon	1,725,016	114,750	0.55%	
	Qatar	140,502	0	0.04%		Qatar	0	0	0.00%	
	Saudi Arabia	5,089,964	15,750	1.42%		Saudi Arabia	3,274,550	15,750	0.98%	
	Turkey	84,002	0	0.02%		Turkey	***	0	0.00%	
	United Arab Emirates	9,069,652	299,151	2.60%		United Arab Emirates	5,897,810	100,697	1.79%	
	Others	537,903	1,400	0.15%		Others	298,351	0	0.09%	
Total	23,512,185	1,520,968			Total	14,986,591	648,812			
Asia	China	7,242,552	321,375	2.10%		China	4,769,107	317,655	1.52%	
	India	997,019	24,872,144	7.17%		India	791,135	16,639,977	5.21%	
	Indonesia	***	***	0.00%		Indonesia	319,405	0	0.10%	
	Japan	36,136,383	196,256	10.07%		Japan	34,176,228	438	10.21%	
	Malaysia	1,100,260	0	0.30%		Malaysia	1,113,578	0	0.33%	
	Philippines	583,075	180,117	0.21%		Philippines	1,025,500	103,811	0.34%	
	Singapore	1,026,473	0	0.28%		Singapore	762,725	15,456	0.23%	
	South Korea	5,295,250	0	1.47%		South Korea	5,250,850	0	1.57%	
	Taiwan	3,608,860	0	1.00%		Taiwan	3,244,331	15,456	0.97%	
	Thailand	228,325	0	0.06%		Thailand	388,625	0	0.12%	
	Others	391,170	88	0.11%		Others	32,774	0	0.01%	
	Total	56,609,367	25,569,980			Total	51,874,258	17,092,793		
New Zealand	New Zealand	Total	586,800	0	0.16%	New Zealand	Total	660,950	2,100	0.20%
Australia	Australia	Total	4,485,167	0	1.24%	Australia	Total	4,702,082	12,600	1.41%
Africa	Canary Islands	155,250	0	0.04%		Canary Islands	341,250	0	0.10%	
	Egypt	1,949,955	151,375	0.58%		Egypt	734,200	149,625	0.26%	
	South Africa	776,857	0	0.22%		South Africa	692,387	0	0.21%	
	Others	86,072	0	0.02%		Others	73,452	0	0.02%	
	Total	2,968,134	151,375			Total	1,841,289	149,625		
Others	Others	Total	0	0	0.00%	Others	Total	44,000	0	0.01%
TOTAL DELIVERIES		332,693,498	28,129,750	100.00%	TOTAL DELIVERIES		315,514,523	19,332,722	100.00%	



**QUALITY CONTROL REPORT
INDUSTRY SUMMARY
AUGUST 1, 1997 - APRIL 30, 1998**

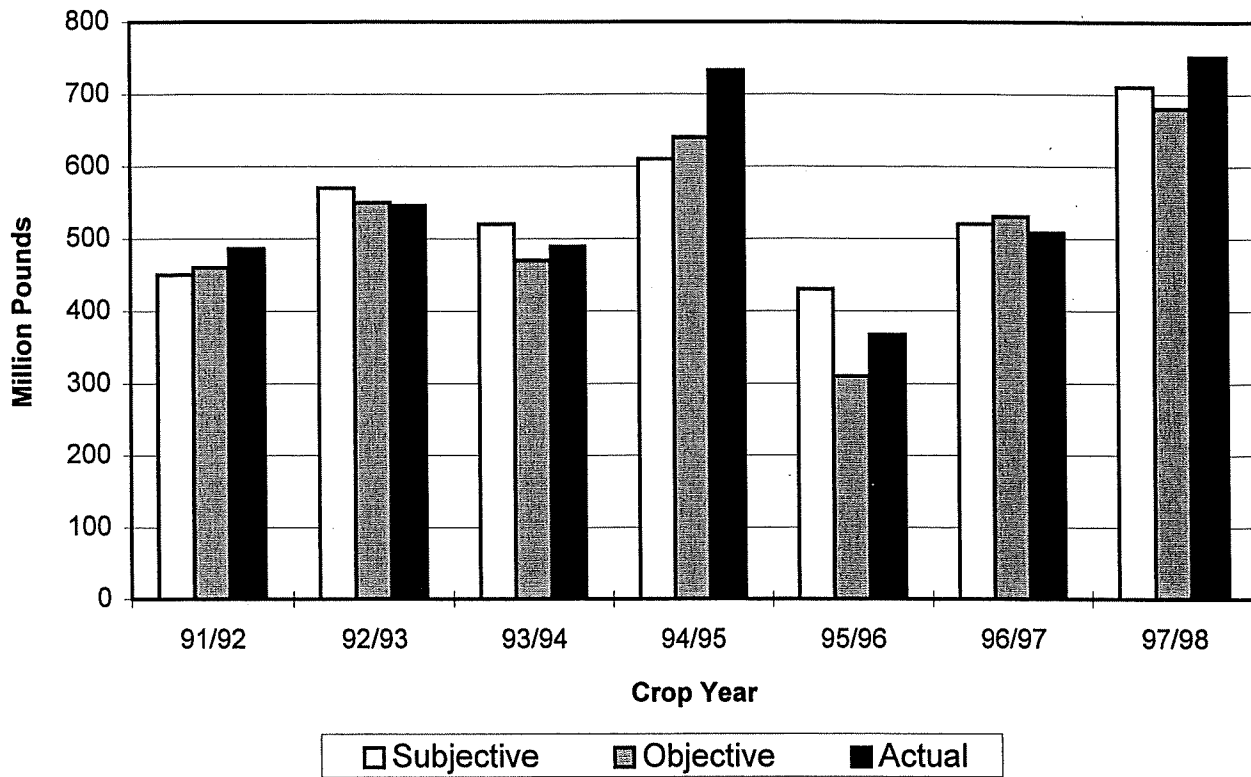
Variety Name	From ABC Form 1	From USDA Inspection Certificates		% Rejects
	Total Receipts	Total Receipts	Total Inedibles	
Nonpareil	354,405,122	355,457,428	8,488,772	2.39%
Carmel	149,748,987	150,544,433	1,799,812	1.20%
Mission	36,521,558	36,557,592	210,654	0.58%
Price	34,108,573	34,405,455	633,556	1.84%
Butte	40,071,240	40,463,652	314,585	0.78%
Neplus	12,897,406	12,885,225	262,883	2.04%
Peerless	10,887,676	11,002,065	55,359	0.50%
Aldrich	1,696,842	1,696,575	15,830	0.93%
Ballico	14,967	14,967	124	0.83%
Bonita	13,920	27,931	182	0.65%
California	16,954,520	16,350,392	318,210	1.95%
Carrion	340,520	374,006	5,393	1.44%
Cruz	7,486	7,486	559	7.47%
Davey	4,407	4,407	19	0.43%
Dotty One	67,987	67,987	2,899	4.26%
Drake	141,828	145,040	5,069	3.49%
Fritz	15,685,847	15,559,319	219,496	1.41%
Harvey	1,760,514	1,782,908	54,300	3.05%
Hashem	1,277,108	1,271,481	29,550	2.32%
IXL	18,000	22,261	2,141	9.62%
Jeffries	492,536	848,993	20,799	2.45%
Jordanolo	422	422	37	8.77%
Kapareil	4,550	4,550	0	0.00%
Le Grand	1,536,382	1,541,374	63,344	4.11%
Livingston	1,025,085	994,803	17,051	1.71%
Marchini	58,832	58,832	922	1.57%
Merced	6,263,262	6,261,357	291,628	4.66%
Mixed & Unknown	17,330,976	15,654,388	450,040	2.87%
Mono	1,165,263	1,168,041	21,454	1.84%
Monterey	15,392,554	15,965,521	286,784	1.80%
Morley	14,651	60,024	241	0.40%
Norman	330,902	338,048	7,435	2.20%
Padre	8,285,216	8,257,848	30,418	0.37%
Pearl	20,998	20,998	38	0.18%
Queens	53	53	7	13.21%
Ripon	4,632	4,632	43	0.93%
Robeson	4,041	9,715	333	3.43%
Rosetta	54,006	13,242	100	0.76%
Ruby	6,456,015	6,628,165	47,623	0.72%
Sauret	1,003,798	991,423	39,973	4.03%
Savana	12,202	50,829	403	0.79%
Seedling	18,044	18,044	177	0.98%
Sonora	8,003,384	8,413,993	188,182	2.24%
Thompson	5,759,618	5,740,818	218,164	3.80%
Tioga	10,515	21,655	291	1.34%
Tokyo	313,885	316,715	4,351	1.37%
Valenta	4,335	4,335	154	3.55%
Wood Colony	2,061,676	2,055,020	13,162	0.64%
Yosemite	18,345	18,345	209	1.14%
TOTALS:	752,270,686	754,102,793	14,122,756	1.87%

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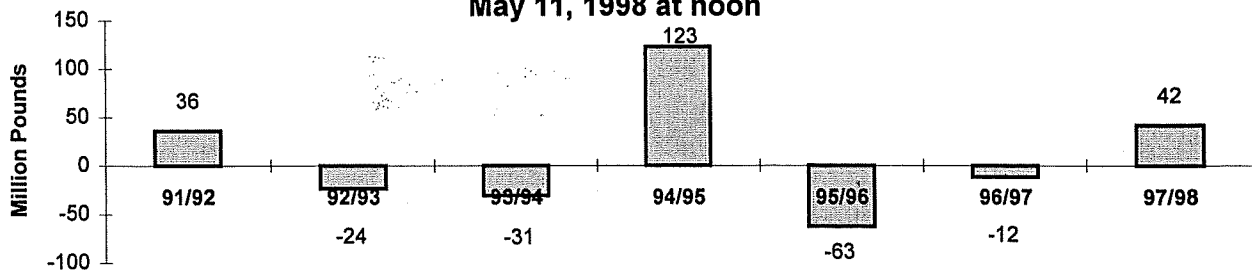
May 6, 1998

This report is subject to further reconciliation of USDA incoming certificates.

Almond Crop Forecasting Results



Variance - Actual vs. Subjective Estimate May 11, 1998 at noon



Variance - Actual vs. Objective Estimate June 26, 1998 at noon

