Walnut Production

RELEASED: September 6, 1989
3:00 P.M. ET

THE 1989 WALNUT CROP UP FROM LAST YEAR

The 1989 walnut production in California is forecast at 210 thousand tons, according to the Agricultural Statistics Board. This level is 2 percent above last year but 15 percent below the 1987 record crop.

This year's walnut crop is in very good condition with good quality nuts. Minimal sunburn damage and blight have been reported. Average nut set for the Eureka and Serr varieties is up, while all other varieties show decreases from 1988. Harvest is about two weeks earlier than normal. The 1989 bearing acreage forecast is 175 thousand acres, virtually unchanged from the previous season.

WALNUTS

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>STATE</th>
<th>TOTAL</th>
<th>IND 1989</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>1987</td>
<td>1988</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CALIF</td>
<td>247,000</td>
<td>206,000</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**************************************************
* NOTICE *
* Requests for a subscription order form covering all available *
* reports should be directed to ERS/NASS, P.O. Box 1608, *
* Rockville, MD. 20849-1608 or call 800-999-6779. *
* The next issue of this report will be published *
* September 1990. *
**************************************************

SpCr 1 (9-89) For Information Call: (202) 447-3843