Walnut Production

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Walnut Production Down 15 Percent

The 1994 California walnut production forecast is 220,000 tons, down 15 percent from 1993’s record high production of 260,000 tons. This month’s forecast is based on objective survey data and is down 15 percent from July’s forecast.

The average number of nuts per tree is down 14 percent from 1993. The Hartley nut set is down 28 percent, the Serr set is down 29 percent but the Franquette set is up 10 percent. There are 95.6 percent sound kernels in-shell. Statewide. Some sunburn damage was noted in Ashley and Vina varieties. Some growers are expected to start harvesting the first week of September.

Walnuts (In-shell basis): Utilized Production, California, 1992-93 and Forecasted 1994

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