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Almond Industry Position Report

March 1998

1997-98 Crop Year

Salable	Forecast	1997-98	1996-97	% Change
	mil lbs.	8/1 - 3/31 Kernel Wt.	8/1 - 3/31 Kernel Wt.	
1. Carryin August 1, 1997	48.3	48,287,428	92,798,770	-47.97%
2. Crop Receipts To Date	680.0	751,938,144	506,609,668	48.43%
3. [4% Loss & Exempt]	<u>27.2</u>	<u>30,077,526</u>	<u>20,264,387</u>	
4. New Crop Marketable (2-3)	652.8	721,860,618	486,345,281	
5. [Reserve]	n/a	0	0	
6. Total Supply (1+4-5)	<u>701.1</u>	<u>770,148,046</u>	<u>579,144,051</u>	32.98%
Shipments by Handlers				
7. Domestic	160.0	111,747,439	93,763,006	19.18%
8. Export	<u>430.0</u>	<u>334,383,055</u>	<u>317,497,063</u>	5.32%
9. Total	<u>590.0</u>	<u>446,130,494</u>	<u>411,260,069</u>	
10. Estimated Salable Carryout	<u>111.1</u>	n/a	n/a	
11. Computed Inventory (6-9)	n/a	<u>324,017,552</u>	<u>167,883,982</u>	93.00%
Commitments (sold, not delivered)**				
12. Domestic		60,631,030	32,054,480	
13. Export		<u>85,800,323</u>	<u>42,339,280</u>	
14. Total		<u>146,431,353</u>	<u>74,393,760</u>	
15. Uncommitted Inventory (11-14)		<u>177,586,199</u>	<u>93,490,222</u>	

** 55% of handlers reported commitments on their Form 25. Those handlers reporting committed inventory handled 64% of last year's crop.

MONTHLY REPORT OF SALABLE HANDLER SHIPMENTS

	1997-98 Crop Year		1996-97 Crop Year	
	3/1 - 3/31	8/1 - 3/31	3/1 - 3/31	8/1 - 3/31
DOMESTIC Shelled	8,193,602	111,373,739	7,614,833	90,327,089
Manufactured	3,824,332	34,541,137	3,879,713	34,126,639
Products	113,891	1,089,182	100,004	1,142,167
Inshell	185,529	3,504,068	35,162	3,402,116
[Interhandler Transfers]	(4,509,262)	(15,707,514)	(1,182,933)	(7,835,383)
[Industry Purchases]	<u>(2,309,730)</u>	<u>(23,053,173)</u>	<u>(4,433,193)</u>	<u>(27,399,622)</u>
TOTAL	5,498,362	111,747,439	6,013,586	93,763,006
		25%		23%
EXPORT Shelled	20,130,465	243,071,991	11,225,190	213,256,253
Manufactured	5,735,910	63,915,750	7,244,340	85,360,340
Inshell	<u>1,168,229</u>	<u>27,395,314</u>	<u>202,383</u>	<u>18,880,470</u>
TOTAL	27,034,604	334,383,055	18,671,913	317,497,063
		75%		77%
NET SHIPMENTS	32,532,966	446,130,494	24,685,499	411,260,069
		100%		100%
EXEMPT/INEDIBLE SHIPMENTS	748,283	4,286,692	585,326	4,089,048

EXPORT DELIVERIES BY DESTINATION
(Kernel Weight)

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		Crop Year 1997-98 08/01/97 through 3/31/98				Crop Year 1996-97 08/01/96 through 3/31/97				
	Country	Shelled	Inshell	%	Country	Shelled	Inshell	%		
North America	Canada	11,521,225	173,976	3.50%	Canada	9,278,163	140,752	2.97%		
	Mexico	4,098,283	0	1.23%	Mexico	2,165,300	88	0.68%		
	Total	15,619,508	173,976		Total	11,443,463	140,840			
Central America	Costa Rica	30,083	0	0.01%	Costa Rica	24,052	0	0.01%		
	Others	13,527	15,942	0.01%	Others	7,589	0	0.00%		
	Total	43,610	15,942		Total	31,641	0			
Caribbean	Dominican Republic	***	0	0.00%	Dominican Republic	21,000	0	0.01%		
	Others	39,544	10	0.01%	Others	24,838	0	0.01%		
	Total	39,544	10		Total	45,838	0			
South America	Argentina	2,226,182	143,488	0.71%	Argentina	888,376	132,243	0.32%		
	Brazil	711,815	183,751	0.27%	Brazil	682,150	265,360	0.30%		
	Chile	383,119	5	0.11%	Chile	***	0	0.00%		
	Colombia	107,750	0	0.03%	Colombia	170,463	0	0.05%		
	Venezuela	422,009	0	0.13%	Venezuela	262,903	0	0.08%		
	Others	101,244	5	0.03%	Others	89,699	0	0.03%		
	Total	3,952,119	327,249		Total	2,093,591	397,603			
Western Europe	Austria	1,173,483	0	0.35%	Austria	1,388,250	0	0.44%		
	Belgium	6,445,309	0	1.93%	Belgium	7,937,439	1,750	2.50%		
	Denmark	6,256,400	0	1.87%	Denmark	4,961,877	0	1.56%		
	Finland	858,924	0	0.26%	Finland	770,030	0	0.24%		
	France	20,593,093	132,443	6.20%	France	25,680,369	207,114	8.15%		
	Germany	73,145,855	73,800	21.90%	Germany	76,933,336	117,070	24.27%		
	Greece	3,824,356	0	1.14%	Greece	3,800,800	8,142	1.20%		
	Ireland	112,675	0	0.03%	Ireland	0	0	0.00%		
	Italy	10,517,650	114,143	3.18%	Italy	11,184,473	503,786	3.68%		
	Malta & Gozo	***	0	0.00%	Malta & Gozo	53,723	0	0.02%		
	Netherlands	17,067,832	0	5.10%	Netherlands	18,504,560	0	5.83%		
	Norway	2,947,824	0	0.88%	Norway	3,126,184	0	0.98%		
	Portugal	611,250	0	0.18%	Portugal	1,189,400	7,630	0.38%		
	Spain	28,047,516	43,000	8.40%	Spain	28,443,068	0	8.96%		
	Sweden	6,939,233	0	2.08%	Sweden	6,342,349	0	2.00%		
	Switzerland	5,177,893	0	1.55%	Switzerland	5,005,874	0	1.58%		
	United Kingdom	17,929,410	6,864	5.36%	United Kingdom	18,774,180	40,658	5.93%		
	Others	71,150	0	0.02%	Others	0	0	0.00%		
	Total	201,719,853	370,250		Total	214,095,912	886,150			
Eastern Europe	Czech Republic	1,199,675	0	0.36%	Czech Republic	700,649	0	0.22%		
	Estonia	735,000	0	0.22%	Estonia	0	0	0.00%		
	Latvia	118,462	0	0.04%	Latvia	***	0	0.00%		
	Poland	195,000	0	0.06%	Poland	***	0	0.00%		
	Russia	2,204,583	0	0.66%	Russia	518,113	0	0.16%		
	Others	186,478	0	0.06%	Others	201,210	0	0.06%		
	Total	4,639,198	0		Total	1,419,972	0			
Middle East	Cyprus	48,362	0	0.01%	Cyprus	***	0	0.00%		
	Israel	3,217,850	539,813	1.12%	Israel	2,853,714	354,615	1.01%		
	Jordan	947,725	319,060	0.38%	Jordan	169,200	31,500	0.06%		
	Kuwait	1,167,625	0	0.35%	Kuwait	556,650	31,500	0.19%		
	Lebanon	2,714,100	294,744	0.90%	Lebanon	1,683,766	125,250	0.57%		
	Qatar	140,502	0	0.04%	Qatar	0	0	0.00%		
	Saudi Arabia	4,869,976	15,750	1.46%	Saudi Arabia	3,274,550	15,750	1.04%		
	Turkey	84,002	0	0.03%	Turkey	***	0	0.00%		
	United Arab Emirates	8,568,332	299,151	2.65%	United Arab Emirates	5,627,639	100,697	1.80%		
	Others	504,005	1,400	0.15%	Others	273,851	0	0.09%		
	Total	22,262,479	1,469,918		Total	14,439,370	659,312			
Asia	China	6,677,217	289,875	2.08%	China	4,625,449	317,625	1.56%		
	India	992,619	24,251,758	7.55%	India	683,135	16,179,454	5.31%		
	Indonesia	***	***	0.00%	Indonesia	285,380	0	0.09%		
	Japan	32,455,030	196,256	9.76%	Japan	31,852,603	438	10.03%		
	Malaysia	1,077,560	0	0.32%	Malaysia	877,428	0	0.28%		
	Philippines	468,725	148,617	0.18%	Philippines	806,625	103,811	0.29%		
	Singapore	924,223	0	0.28%	Singapore	762,725	15,456	0.25%		
	South Korea	4,574,250	0	1.37%	South Korea	4,621,100	0	1.46%		
	Taiwan	3,282,985	0	0.98%	Taiwan	3,090,831	15,456	0.98%		
	Thailand	219,450	0	0.07%	Thailand	388,625	0	0.12%		
	Others	389,695	88	0.12%	Others	31,784	0	0.01%		
	Total	51,061,754	24,886,594		Total	48,025,685	16,632,240			
New Zealand	New Zealand	Total	500,300	0	0.15%	New Zealand	Total	621,500	2,100	0.20%
Australia	Australia	Total	4,308,167	0	1.29%	Australia	Total	4,612,082	12,600	1.46%
Africa	Canary Islands	155,250	0	0.05%	Canary Islands	341,250	0	0.11%		
	Egypt	1,913,955	151,375	0.62%	Egypt	734,200	149,625	0.28%		
	South Africa	710,932	0	0.21%	South Africa	635,589	0	0.20%		
	Others	61,072	0	0.02%	Others	32,500	0	0.01%		
	Total	2,841,209	151,375		Total	1,743,539	149,625			
Others	Others	Total	0	0	0.00%	Others	Total	44,000	0	0.01%
TOTAL DELIVERIES		306,987,741	27,395,314	100.00%	TOTAL DELIVERIES		298,616,593	18,880,470	100.00%	

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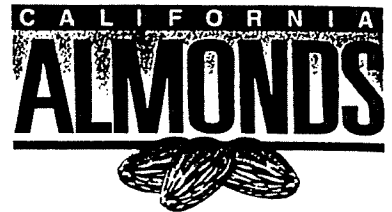
Almonds Received By Handlers

(Kernel Weight)

Report Period No. 6 - 8/1/97 through 3/31/98

	1997-98 Crop Year		1996-97 Crop Year	
	Total Pounds 8/1/97 - 3/31/98	% Total Receipts	Total Pounds 8/1/96 - 3/31/97	% Total Receipts
<u>MAJOR TONNAGE</u>				
Nonpareil	354,323,463	47.12%	219,011,134	43.23%
Carmel	149,740,805	19.91%	105,920,004	20.91%
Mission	36,479,890	4.85%	30,431,860	6.01%
Price	34,108,573	4.54%	30,392,300	6.00%
Butte	40,037,138	5.32%	22,690,618	4.48%
Neplus	<u>12,896,258</u>	<u>1.72%</u>	<u>8,084,226</u>	<u>1.60%</u>
Subtotal Major Tonnage	<u>627,586,127</u>	<u>83.46%</u>	<u>416,530,142</u>	<u>82.22%</u>
<u>LESSER TONNAGE</u>				
Aldrich	1,696,842	0.23%	283,461	0.06%
Ballico	14,967	0.00%	2,982	0.00%
Bonita	13,920	0.00%	3,822	0.00%
California	16,954,520	2.25%	13,689,087	2.70%
Carrion	340,520	0.05%	205,468	0.04%
Chips Special	0	0.00%	7,878	0.00%
Cruz	7,486	0.00%	6,645	0.00%
Davey	4,407	0.00%	1,017	0.00%
Dotty One	67,987	0.01%	28,507	0.01%
Drake	141,828	0.02%	72,662	0.01%
Fritz	15,685,847	2.09%	10,401,832	2.05%
Harvey	1,760,514	0.23%	1,488,285	0.29%
Hashem	1,180,189	0.16%	1,032,045	0.20%
IXL	18,000	0.00%	4,811	0.00%
Jeffries	492,536	0.07%	309,158	0.06%
Jordanolo	422	0.00%	437	0.00%
Kapareil	4,550	0.00%	1,979	0.00%
LeGrand	1,536,382	0.20%	1,600,094	0.32%
Livingston	1,025,085	0.14%	478,348	0.09%
Marchini	58,832	0.01%	27,399	0.01%
Merced	6,234,902	0.83%	6,409,243	1.27%
Milo	0	0.00%	34,788	0.01%
Mixed & Unknown	17,318,612	2.30%	9,358,699	1.85%
Mono	1,165,263	0.15%	825,702	0.16%
Monterey	15,387,600	2.05%	10,966,034	2.16%
Morley	14,651	0.00%	37,117	0.01%
Norman	330,902	0.04%	242,328	0.05%
Padre	8,285,216	1.10%	4,616,186	0.91%
Pearl	20,998	0.00%	10,484	0.00%
Peerless	10,887,676	1.45%	9,708,542	1.92%
Queens	53	0.00%	0	0.00%
Ripon	4,632	0.00%	2,953	0.00%
Robeson	4,041	0.00%	3,106	0.00%
Rosetta	54,006	0.01%	18,691	0.00%
Ruby	6,456,015	0.86%	4,695,476	0.93%
Sauret	1,003,798	0.13%	1,069,257	0.21%
Savana	12,202	0.00%	28,583	0.01%
Seedling	18,044	0.00%	9,980	0.00%
Sonora	8,003,384	1.06%	5,162,718	1.02%
Thompson	5,736,432	0.76%	5,976,475	1.18%
Tioga	10,515	0.00%	17,266	0.00%
Tokyo	313,885	0.04%	207,585	0.04%
Valenta	4,335	0.00%	0	0.00%
Vesta	0	0.00%	12,204	0.00%
White King	0	0.00%	2,580	0.00%
Wood Colony	2,061,676	0.27%	939,498	0.19%
Yosemite	<u>18,345</u>	<u>0.00%</u>	<u>78,114</u>	<u>0.02%</u>
Subtotal Lesser Tonnage	<u>124,352,017</u>	<u>16.54%</u>	<u>90,079,526</u>	<u>17.78%</u>
<u>GRAND TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>	<u>751,938,144</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>506,609,668</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

This report is subject to further verification of handler's receipts.



**QUALITY CONTROL REPORT
INDUSTRY SUMMARY
AUGUST 1, 1997 - MARCH 31, 1998**

Variety Name	From ABC Form 1	From USDA Inspection Certificates		% Rejects
	Total Receipts	Total Receipts	Total Inedibles	
Nonpareil	354,323,463			
Carmel	149,740,805			
Mission	36,479,890			
Price	34,108,573			
Butte	40,037,138			
Nepus	12,896,258			
Peerless	10,887,676			
Aldrich	1,696,842			
Ballico	14,967			
Bonita	13,920			
California	16,954,520			
Carrion	340,520			
Cruz	7,486			
Davey	4,407			
Dotty One	67,987			
Drake	141,828			
Fritz	15,685,847			
Harvey	1,760,514			
Hashem	1,180,189			
IXL	18,000			
Jeffries	492,536			
Jordanolo	422			
Kapareil	4,550			
Le Grand	1,536,382			
Livingston	1,025,085			
Marchini	58,832			
Merced	6,234,902			
Mixed & Unknown	17,318,612			
Mono	1,165,263			
Monterey	15,387,600			
Morley	14,651			
Norman	330,902			
Padre	8,285,216			
Pearl	20,998			
Queens	53			
Ripon	4,632			
Robeson	4,041			
Rosetta	54,006			
Ruby	6,456,015			
Sauret	1,003,798			
Savana	12,202			
Seedling	18,044			
Sonora	8,003,384			
Thompson	5,736,432			
Tioga	10,515			
Tokyo	313,885			
Valenta	4,335			
Wood Colony	2,061,676			
Yosemite	18,345			
TOTALS:	751,938,144			

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During the reconciliation process between handlers' Form 1's and USDA certificates, it was noted that several significant variances existed. The Inspection Service has notified the Board that they are making corrections to the impacted certificates and are revising them in coordination with the handlers involved.

As soon as these corrections are made, the Board will be publishing the complete Industry Q.C. report as well as the By-County reports.