



2018 California Table Olive Probability Survey Report



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CALIFORNIA TABLE OLIVE FORECAST FOR 2018

The 2018 California table olive forecast is 30,000 tons, down 67 percent from last year's crop of 90,700 tons, according to a survey conducted by the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, Pacific Regional Office. Bearing acreage is estimated at 16,000, which results in a yield of 1.88 tons per acre.

The Manzanillo production forecast is 28,000 tons, Sevillano production forecast is 1,500 tons, and other varieties are expected to total 500 tons.

A freeze in late February damaged developing buds and negatively impacted production, especially in

the Sacramento Valley. The bloom was normal in the San Joaquin Valley. Variable crop yields and labor shortages continue to impact growers. Harvest is expected to start early, in mid-September.

SURVEY SAMPLE

There were 321 growers sampled for the survey. Reports from 171 were used to establish this forecast. The sample is designed to provide a State estimate of all varieties; estimates by variety are less precise.

California Table Olive Production 2009-2017, 2018 Forecast

