2017 California Walnut Nursery Sales Report



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OBJECTIVE

The primary objective of the California Walnut Nursery Sales Report survey is to estimate planted acres by variety for the 2016 and 2017 crop years based on the number of walnut trees sold for new plantings. This report summarizes data supplied by California nurseries throughout the State who sold to walnut growers for commercial plantings. Results from this survey will be used in conjunction with the Walnut Acreage Survey to estimate the walnut acres in California.

PROCEDURES

Questionnaires were mailed to all known walnut nurseries in California, and responses were received from most operations. Nurseries that did not report data were estimated. The nurseries were asked to report the number of trees sold by variety for commercial plantings, and to estimate the percentage of trees sold for new plantings. Acres planted by variety were then estimated based on the data reported. Acre estimates were

calculated using the reported number of trees sold, along with the trees per acre by variety from the Walnut Acreage Survey.

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RESULTS

Combined sales of walnut trees to California growers were 8,390 acres for the 2017 crop year. The Chandler variety accounted for the largest percentage of new plantings at 57.6 percent. The Tulare variety came in second at 11.7 percent, followed by the Ivanhoe variety at 8.9 percent. The remaining percentage by variety can be seen in the pie charts.

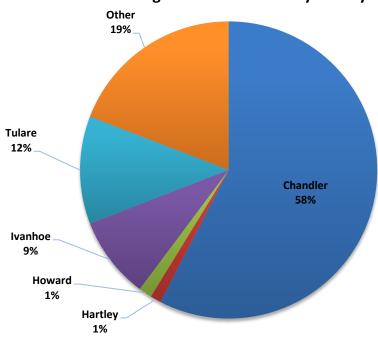
Walnut Nursery Sales Survey Calculated Acres Planted

2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 Variety 2011 Acres Chandler 7,430 12,196 11,394 8,393 11,020 13,652 4,832 Franquette 109 80 35 29 59 78 47 Hartley 132 3 104 128 99 167 168 477 Howard 913 913 1,078 1,085 557 120 75 71 205 452 218 750 Ivanhoe 566 Payne 5 8 1 0 2 2 1 33 25 1 0 0 6 8 Serr 1,527 Tulare 1,024 1,422 1,419 2,651 2,515 982 Vina 45 59 0 15 24 11 11 Other 202 207 550 2,124 340 2,014 1,539 Total¹ 9.566 11,310 15,720 17,076 18,021 16,323 8,390

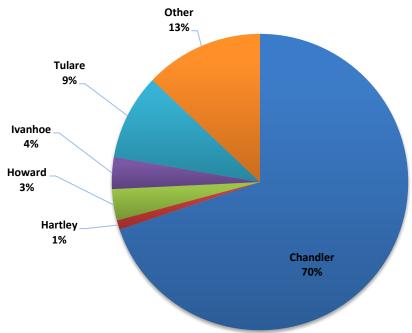
Source: USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, Pacific Regional Office

¹ Totals may not add due to rounding.

2017
Percentage of Acres Planted by Variety



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