

2026 STANDING ACREAGE - INITIAL ESTIMATE

In cooperation with the Almond Board of California

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RESULTS

Each year Land IQ produces an in-year, statewide almond acreage estimate. The initial bearing acreage estimate is provided in April, with the final estimate, including a non-bearing estimate, provided in November.

The initial bearing acreage estimate is for the 2026 production year (September 1, 2025 - August 31, 2026). Removed orchards have been determined through spatial analysis as of March 31, 2026. Therefore, a numerical estimate of orchards to be removed based on historical analyses and present conditions from April 1, 2026 through August 31, 2026 is also included.

As a result, the 2026 initial estimates are:

- 1,385,870 acres of bearing almonds
- 47,588 acres of removed almonds

Both bearing acreage and removals will be updated for the final 2026 total acreage estimate to be delivered in November 2026. It should be noted that bearing acreage may be adjusted slightly (+/- 1-3%) following summer 2026 ground truthing verification. Any change will mostly likely affect acreage transitioning from non-bearing in 2025 to bearing in 2026, thus the impact on estimates of overall production volume should be considered negligible.

The following table represents removals and bearing acreage by County as of March 31, 2026. Acreage by year planted and removals by year planted are provided on the following pages.

County	Bearing Acreage	Removed Acreage	County	Bearing Acreage	Removed Acreage
Alameda	1,544	0	Riverside	6	0
Butte	29,226	1,064	Sacramento	4,868	0
Calaveras	211	0	San Joaquin	106,838	2,046
Colusa	61,182	1,757	San Luis Obispo	2,311	0
Contra Costa	2,190	0	Santa Barbara	0	0
Fresno	248,314	4,299	Shasta	3	0
Glenn	57,575	1,503	Solano	25,875	33
Kern	169,674	7,352	Stanislaus	185,477	4,302
Kings	33,020	265	Sutter	20,969	159
Lake	45	0	Tehama	22,784	287
Madera	141,356	3,930	Tulare	80,487	1,347
Merced	147,495	6,011	Yolo	43,768	1,023
Placer	4,326	0	Yuba	4,263	0

*Reflects standing acreage only, estimates are not included at the county level. Some differences may occur between sheets due to rounding.

INTRODUCTION

Beginning in 2019, the ABC began an annual mapping process with two acreage summaries, one delivered in April and one delivered in November, during the same production year. The Land IQ April delivery informs and aligns with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) – National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) California Almond Forecast, which is an initial subjective forecast for acreage and yield.

APPROACH

Land IQ draws upon multiple lines of evidence including agronomic and remote sensing knowledge, unique field boundaries, robust on-the-ground verification, customized image analysis, artificial intelligence and machine learning algorithms to classify almond orchards.

For each mapped year, Land IQ performs the following steps:

1. Imagery Acquisition
2. Irrigated Field Boundary Delineation
3. Ground Truthing
4. Remote Sensing Analysis
5. Change Analysis and Update

For the initial estimate determining removals and bearing acreage, Land IQ utilizes the spatial mapping from 2025, in addition to a change analysis to determine removals.

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2026 Initial Bearing and Removed Acreage Estimates by Year Planted

	1984		1985		1986		1987		1988		1989	
	Standing	Removed	Standing	Removed	Standing	Removed	Standing	Removed	Standing	Removed	Standing	Removed
Alameda	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Butte	3,420	293	14	0	67	0	150	0	152	0	175	0
Calaveras	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Colusa	475	61	6	0	50	0	24	0	16	0	13	0
Contra Costa	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fresno	129	11	0	0	0	0	1	0	78	0	108	0
Glenn	815	0	0	0	58	0	12	0	6	0	170	0
Kern	21	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	77	0
Kings	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lake	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Madera	1,351	53	2	0	76	0	4	0	12	0	27	0
Merced	4,684	394	177	15	124	0	245	0	305	0	462	0
Placer	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Riverside	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sacramento	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
San Joaquin	2,901	207	176	19	64	0	112	0	148	6	221	0
San Luis Obispo	329	0	19	0	15	0	24	0	27	0	31	0
Santa Barbara	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shasta	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Solano	189	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	3	0
Stanislaus	6,305	328	180	0	121	26	224	0	247	7	144	0
Sutter	195	0	36	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	14	0
Tehama	344	0	7	0	0	23	0	0	0	0	11	0
Tulare	151	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yolo	105	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	0	18	0
Yuba	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Total	21,450	1,348	619	33	577	49	795	0	1,032	12	1,475	0

Source: Land IQ. California Statewide Almond Mapping - 2026. Based on data from USDA National Agricultural Imaging Program (NAIP), USGS Landsat, and other private imagery resources.

2026 Initial Bearing and Removed Acreage Estimates by Year Planted

	1990		1991		1992		1993		1994		1995	
	Standing	Removed	Standing	Removed	Standing	Removed	Standing	Removed	Standing	Removed	Standing	Removed
Alameda	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Butte	227	40	65	0	150	13	166	89	109	9	246	0
Calaveras	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0
Colusa	155	38	42	0	19	0	55	0	211	0	110	0
Contra Costa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fresno	162	0	117	0	105	1	63	0	193	0	38	0
Glenn	134	1	62	0	130	0	401	0	356	1	120	0
Kern	0	0	46	0	56	0	75	0	79	0	0	0
Kings	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lake	12	0	0	0	0	0	32	0	0	0	0	0
Madera	27	13	105	0	23	0	337	0	313	94	240	63
Merced	674	10	344	19	412	91	577	58	313	44	480	33
Placer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Riverside	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sacramento	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Joaquin	119	70	93	0	165	21	329	0	152	0	182	41
San Luis Obispo	49	0	6	0	35	0	5	0	1,587	0	120	0
Santa Barbara	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shasta	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Solano	35	0	0	0	28	0	86	0	0	0	18	0
Stanislaus	563	0	328	178	328	11	757	209	678	332	512	93
Sutter	63	0	20	0	1	0	43	0	104	0	0	0
Tehama	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
Tulare	2	0	78	0	25	0	78	0	152	0	78	0
Yolo	114	0	0	0	3	0	267	0	0	0	1	11
Yuba	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	0	2	0	0	0
Grand Total	2,355	173	1,306	197	1,480	137	3,312	356	4,254	480	2,145	241

Source: Land IQ. California Statewide Almond Mapping - 2026. Based on data from USDA National Agricultural Imaging Program (NAIP), USGS Landsat, and other private imagery resources.

2026 Initial Bearing and Removed Acreage Estimates by Year Planted

	1996		1997		1998		1999		2000		2001	
	Standing	Removed	Standing	Removed	Standing	Removed	Standing	Removed	Standing	Removed	Standing	Removed
Alameda	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Butte	41	0	143	0	594	53	370	0	372	6	248	0
Calaveras	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Colusa	145	9	680	145	90	223	1,154	35	838	0	1,158	52
Contra Costa	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fresno	167	28	1,052	0	287	0	501	65	1,594	0	1,279	187
Glenn	151	21	327	0	47	30	248	0	92	96	303	22
Kern	261	152	18	164	1,006	58	162	449	239	0	31	88
Kings	0	0	1	0	540	0	292	0	0	0	0	0
Lake	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Madera	383	35	466	0	619	141	393	284	781	78	430	318
Merced	741	44	733	234	735	49	894	140	996	167	1,296	104
Placer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Riverside	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sacramento	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Joaquin	629	69	434	141	500	0	985	35	632	0	816	171
San Luis Obispo	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Barbara	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shasta	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Solano	0	0	5	0	127	0	58	0	103	9	146	0
Stanislaus	526	223	960	118	1,883	209	1,406	97	1,324	160	1,144	69
Sutter	24	0	514	0	88	0	36	60	74	0	83	0
Tehama	128	0	66	31	108	0	108	37	178	35	212	26
Tulare	94	0	35	0	23	0	464	76	0	0	19	0
Yolo	0	0	2	0	41	46	250	0	73	33	107	74
Yuba	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	47	0	0	0
Grand Total	3,294	582	5,436	833	6,697	809	7,321	1,279	7,344	583	7,271	1,111

Source: Land IQ. California Statewide Almond Mapping - 2026. Based on data from USDA National Agricultural Imaging Program (NAIP), USGS Landsat, and other private imagery resources.

2026 Initial Bearing and Removed Acreage Estimates by Year Planted

	2002		2003		2004		2005		2006		2007	
	Standing	Removed	Standing	Removed	Standing	Removed	Standing	Removed	Standing	Removed	Standing	Removed
Alameda	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Butte	326	0	196	74	607	112	794	99	382	92	670	0
Calaveras	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Colusa	471	327	1,349	106	4,554	277	3,203	114	2,755	338	2,051	25
Contra Costa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fresno	3,005	452	2,716	65	4,517	1,032	8,735	353	9,296	724	6,744	131
Glenn	428	80	1,068	32	1,462	58	1,736	360	1,251	526	1,117	109
Kern	836	167	657	88	2,721	849	6,553	1,764	6,298	1,841	4,328	359
Kings	377	107	0	0	467	0	158	0	652	22	395	38
Lake	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Madera	1,117	124	2,012	256	4,091	422	3,874	258	6,278	138	5,419	277
Merced	1,186	235	1,880	492	4,380	537	3,483	1,442	4,510	894	6,431	371
Placer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Riverside	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0
Sacramento	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Joaquin	800	77	810	290	1,862	317	1,688	28	1,633	122	1,651	46
San Luis Obispo	0	0	9	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Barbara	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shasta	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Solano	34	0	36	24	105	0	426	0	313	0	80	0
Stanislaus	2,204	196	1,939	185	8,095	530	5,316	725	4,593	209	4,847	177
Sutter	0	0	126	0	627	38	191	7	494	0	605	0
Tehama	205	17	106	0	464	25	159	66	510	0	1,107	0
Tulare	116	64	261	96	1,065	0	1,040	101	1,206	172	1,382	145
Yolo	79	0	317	0	637	140	708	0	1,247	98	1,044	0
Yuba	0	0	89	0	21	0	25	0	212	0	3	0
Grand Total	11,184	1,845	13,576	1,709	35,675	4,336	38,086	5,317	41,636	5,174	37,873	1,678

Source: Land IQ. California Statewide Almond Mapping - 2026. Based on data from USDA National Agricultural Imaging Program (NAIP), USGS Landsat, and other private imagery resources.

2026 Initial Bearing and Removed Acreage Estimates by Year Planted

	2008		2009		2010		2011		2012		2013	
	Standing	Removed	Standing	Removed	Standing	Removed	Standing	Removed	Standing	Removed	Standing	Removed
Alameda	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Butte	2,726	139	1,186	0	1,180	0	646	0	331	0	541	12
Calaveras	0	0	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Colusa	2,832	0	2,402	0	2,063	0	2,051	4	1,219	0	1,883	1
Contra Costa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fresno	4,909	341	4,870	114	4,988	221	7,720	24	8,571	68	11,910	37
Glenn	2,824	134	1,136	0	610	0	2,215	0	1,562	0	1,886	0
Kern	4,443	225	5,409	19	4,165	87	8,113	21	6,124	98	7,542	227
Kings	245	41	352	0	727	0	336	0	1,312	0	1,969	0
Lake	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Madera	9,918	699	4,766	535	2,730	73	8,653	20	4,208	0	7,563	0
Merced	2,232	80	2,986	17	2,169	200	3,459	166	3,064	33	4,839	9
Placer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Riverside	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sacramento	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Joaquin	1,349	156	1,227	4	1,183	87	2,931	0	2,946	0	4,028	0
San Luis Obispo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	0	0	0
Santa Barbara	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shasta	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Solano	25	0	121	0	38	0	126	0	13	0	177	0
Stanislaus	5,234	14	4,161	6	3,411	15	8,315	62	6,364	14	9,650	31
Sutter	141	20	377	0	177	6	348	8	61	0	349	0
Tehama	1,077	25	341	0	90	0	298	0	508	0	1,227	0
Tulare	1,207	37	1,727	29	1,954	237	2,775	0	1,792	89	1,071	0
Yolo	936	0	1,624	0	397	0	1,743	0	718	0	2,201	429
Yuba	9	0	0	0	7	0	31	0	0	0	223	0
Grand Total	40,107	1,908	32,720	724	25,892	927	49,760	305	38,810	302	57,058	745

Source: Land IQ. California Statewide Almond Mapping - 2026. Based on data from USDA National Agricultural Imaging Program (NAIP), USGS Landsat, and other private imagery resources.

2026 Initial Bearing and Removed Acreage Estimates by Year Planted

	2014		2015		2016		2017		2018		2019	
	Standing	Removed	Standing	Removed	Standing	Removed	Standing	Removed	Standing	Removed	Standing	Removed
Alameda	146	0	375	0	166	0	0	0	185	0	540	0
Butte	714	12	794	17	2,127	1	1,445	0	2,141	4	1,046	0
Calaveras	0	0	100	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Colusa	1,299	0	2,208	0	5,510	0	3,405	0	3,760	1	4,074	0
Contra Costa	0	0	0	0	55	0	235	0	18	0	133	0
Fresno	16,270	27	19,196	84	24,521	140	23,853	2	21,743	31	14,635	151
Glenn	2,432	0	450	16	5,557	8	4,637	0	4,420	0	2,566	0
Kern	9,122	171	10,687	209	19,069	74	12,002	161	18,607	82	12,035	0
Kings	2,336	2	3,587	56	6,730	0	2,331	0	2,977	0	1,799	0
Lake	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Madera	11,833	1	7,535	40	11,252	9	11,445	0	7,184	0	7,938	0
Merced	10,472	59	7,127	26	10,561	46	8,299	0	13,968	0	12,395	1
Placer	0	0	0	0	1,024	0	0	0	882	0	303	0
Riverside	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sacramento	68	0	185	0	915	0	202	0	1,393	0	284	0
San Joaquin	6,953	37	4,361	0	7,525	3	7,163	35	9,227	5	8,553	14
San Luis Obispo	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	0
Santa Barbara	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shasta	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Solano	2,669	0	4,866	0	4,530	0	2,543	0	1,869	0	1,859	0
Stanislaus	12,417	5	8,681	4	12,279	25	9,163	6	13,417	6	11,525	1
Sutter	381	0	465	0	2,565	0	400	0	2,061	15	1,992	5
Tehama	1,437	0	540	0	3,393	0	817	0	2,066	0	1,197	0
Tulare	7,467	0	7,392	53	11,157	66	4,763	2	10,123	44	3,413	136
Yolo	3,794	154	4,046	39	5,482	0	3,598	0	3,537	0	1,431	0
Yuba	164	0	215	0	343	0	56	0	532	0	731	0
Grand Total	89,988	467	82,814	542	134,786	372	96,357	206	120,132	190	88,450	307

Source: Land IQ. California Statewide Almond Mapping - 2026. Based on data from USDA National Agricultural Imaging Program (NAIP), USGS Landsat, and other private imagery resources.

2026 Initial Bearing and Removed Acreage Estimates by Year Planted

	2020		2021		2022		2023*		2024 - 2026**		TOTAL	
	Standing	Removed	Standing	Removed	Standing	Removed	Standing	Removed	Standing	Removed	Bearing	Removed
Alameda	132	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			1,544	0
Butte	1,419	0	1,172	0	1,219	0	854	0			29,226	1,064
Calaveras	0	0	45	0	0	0	0	0			211	0
Colusa	3,706	0	2,044	0	2,186	0	917	0			61,182	1,757
Contra Costa	1,039	0	239	0	455	0	8	0			2,190	0
Fresno	19,213	0	15,048	5	5,931	6	4,050	0			248,314	4,299
Glenn	5,702	6	4,614	0	4,517	3	1,952	0			57,575	1,503
Kern	11,362	0	7,884	1	7,195	0	2,447	0			169,674	7,352
Kings	2,507	0	1,595	0	1,234	0	97	0			33,020	265
Lake	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			45	0
Madera	7,225	0	5,942	0	3,417	0	1,366	0			141,356	3,930
Merced	12,038	1	8,415	0	6,413	0	2,994	0			147,495	6,011
Placer	1,705	0	321	0	62	0	24	0			4,326	0
Riverside	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			6	0
Sacramento	557	0	154	0	978	0	104	0			4,868	0
San Joaquin	15,952	22	6,221	8	5,374	15	4,742	0			106,838	2,046
San Luis Obispo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			2,311	0
Santa Barbara	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	0
Shasta	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			3	0
Solano	2,104	0	1,567	0	829	0	734	0			25,875	33
Stanislaus	11,963	10	7,386	13	12,100	2	4,787	8			185,477	4,302
Sutter	2,923	0	1,741	0	2,786	0	863	0			20,969	159
Tehama	2,880	0	1,134	0	1,263	0	777	0			22,784	287
Tulare	9,892	0	6,183	0	2,683	0	617	0			80,487	1,347
Yolo	3,787	0	3,195	1	1,159	0	1,079	0			43,768	1,023
Yuba	432	0	914	0	93	0	79	0			4,263	0
Grand Total	116,538	40	75,815	28	59,895	25	32,768	8			1,398,081	35,377

Source: Land IQ. California Statewide Almond Mapping - 2026. Based on data from USDA National Agricultural Imaging Program (NAIP), USGS Landsat, and other private imagery resources.

* 2023 Bearing Acreage will be finalized in November. An estimate of 4,274 acres has been added to the total, but not to each county.

** A non-bearing estimate will be provided in November.

Estimated Removals (4/1/2026-08/31/2026) 12,211 12,211
Total Estimated Acres 1,385,870 47,588