

Almond Market Report (Data of December 2022)

1 € = 1,08 \$

Supply	2022	
	Mld Lb	% N-1
Net crop marketable*	2,548	-15,2%
Stock Report N-1 (Carry Out)	0,836	37,6%
*Based on the current crop receipt of 2,60 billions lbs gross		
TOTAL Supply forecast	3,384	19,96%

COMMITMENTS*	0,719	-11,3%
*Non-exported sold goods		

DEMAND vs SUPPLY		
Volume Shipped / (% of harvest)	1,04	41%
Volume Sold/shipped (% of harvest)	1,76	69%
Volume Sold/shipped (% total supply)	1,76	52%

Demand	2022/2023 (Per month)		2022/2023 (Total season)	
	Million lb	% N-1	Million Lb	% N-1
<i>By destination</i>				
Asia-Pacific	52,2	11,5%	300,0	-14,0%
China	1,7	-43,9%	63,2	-24,0%
India	33,3	37,0%	155,1	-9,0%
Europe	59,9	20,0%	239,0	3,0%
Spain	18,7	21,8%	78,5	17,0%
Germany	7,9	0,2%	42,2	0,0%
Middle East	26,5	74,8%	122,0	38,0%
United Arab Emirates	11,9	120,0%	62,1	34,0%
Total Export (oustide USA)	153,90	23,6%	745,10	1,0%
Domestic (USA)	52,5	-18,4%	296,00	-9,0%
TOTAL Shipped	206,37	9,3%	1041,10	-2,0%

Market highlights

Source: AlmondBoard

Dear Partners and Friends,

Yesterday the position report for the month of December was released with shipments of +206.3 million pounds compared to last year's 188.8 million pounds for an increase of 9,3%. While the domestic market was down 18,4% the export one showed a +23,6%. The crop receipts as expected are running 10.5% behind last year and reached 2376 million Lbs. The top performer of the month were definitely India (+37% MoM), the Middle East (+74,8% MoM) and Spain (+21,8% MoM).

The receipts will start to slow down from now on but the estimation of 2.6 billion Lbs can still be matched. The commitments remain far below last year at 719 million Lbs (-11,3%) and the new sales in December were 234 million Lbs (-4,8% compared to last year).

Everyone's focus is now on the bloom season that is slowing approaching. The weather conditions are so far ideal with a lot of rain that flooded some orchards. The snow water equivalent for the state is now 227% of normal for this time of year, meaning that finally after two years of drought, there might be some water availability during spring and summer. The temperatures are also expected to remain below the average in the incoming days, assuring the right amount of rest for the trees avoiding the risk of an early bloom. Some additional rain is also expected next week. The conditions for a great bloom are all matched.

Although the abundance of water is a positive news for the Californian agricultural sector in general, it's not as great for the almond growers. The positive news come in an oversupplied market with a stable (in the best case) demand and a negative global economy outlook ahead. Prices went under pressure and we've seen Standard FAS proactively offered below 1.50 USD FAS that combined with a strong Euro makes almonds extremely cheap at the moment.

In addition to that, the early estimates of the bearing acreage for the 2023 crop see a possible increase of 30,000 acres to a total of 1.34 million acres. This means that if the bloom conditions will be ideal with no adverse events (Frost) there are good chances of a huge 2023 crop.

On the very short term the growers will try to increase the prices to see the reaction of the buyer but it's not expected to last long. In general the market is expected to stay quiet and weak until we will have some more information about the bloom.

As usual if you have any question or want to discuss please feel free to get in touch



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