



## Central Valley's almond boom continues

- *New report shows growth in acreage given over to almonds*
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The acreage planted with almonds in the Central Valley and the rest of the state last year increased by 2 percent from the year before, according to a new report from the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Last year, an estimated 1,390,000 acres were devoted to almonds. Almost all of that acreage was in the Central Valley.

The total is up 2 percent from the 2017 acreage of 1,360,000. Of the total acreage for 2018, 1,090,000 acres were bearing and 300,000 acres were non-bearing.

And it's increasing.

Preliminary bearing acreage for 2019 is estimated at 1,170,000 acres. That's five times the size of the total area of Sacramento, Fresno, Bakersfield and Stockton – combined.

Nonpareil continue to be the leading variety, followed by Monterey, Butte, Carmel, and Padre.

Kern, Fresno, Stanislaus, Merced and Madera were the leading counties. These five Central Valley counties had 72 percent of the total bearing acreage.