

2015 California Avocado Acreage Inventory Update

In an effort to continually keep our finger on the pulse of the California avocado industry, the California Avocado Commission (CAC) conducts an annual acreage inventory survey to analyze and classify planted avocado acreage throughout the state. The acreage survey uses remote sensing techniques, applied against aerial and satellite imagery collected in the spring, to delineate avocado acreage into producing versus non-producing acreage and classified into categories including producing, topped/stumped, and new/young. The annual acreage inventory is conducted for San Diego, Riverside, Ventura, Santa Barbara, and San Luis Obispo counties. Other minor counties' acreage is estimated based on ancillary data from county agricultural commissioners and our grower community.

The results of the 2015 California avocado acreage inventory have been compiled and show a slight increase in bearing acreage, approximately 400 acres, but a decrease in total planted acres by about 500 acres. The increase in bearing acres is largely attributed to young and topped trees coming into production. The total California bearing acreage, which includes producing and topped/stumped acreage, continues to remain just shy of 52,000 acres.

Details of the 2015 acreage update are included with this article, while archived acreage inventory updates can be found on the grower website

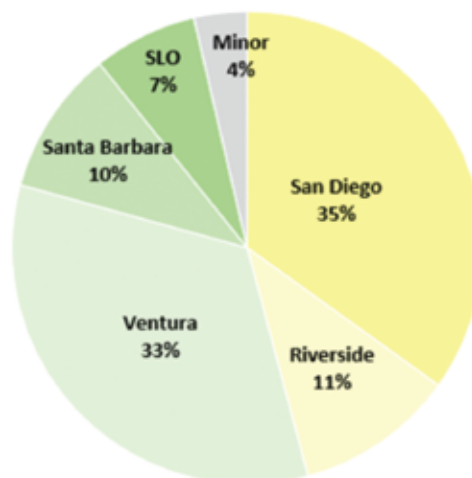
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2015 California Avocado Acreage Inventory Summary by County

County	Producing Acres	Topped/Stumped Acres	New/Young Acres	Total Planted Acres	CAC Bearing Acres (Pro+Top)
San Diego	16,870	1,474	430	18,774	18,344
Riverside	5,056	479	354	5,890	5,536
Ventura	16,732	598	670	18,000	17,331
Santa Barbara	4,819	194	327	5,340	5,013
San Luis Obispo	3,500	220	124	3,844	3,720
Total 5 Counties	46,978	2,966	1,905	51,848	49,944
Total Minor Counties*				1,958	1,958
Grand Total				53,806	51,902

* Orange, Los Angeles, San Bernardino, San Joaquin Valley, Monterey

2015 Planted Avocado Acres by County



2015 Varietal Distribution

Variety	Acres
Hass	49,453
Lamb	1,623
Other	826
Total	51,902