

## 2019 Pre-Season California Avocado Crop Estimate

Each year in early December the California Avocado Commission (CAC) conducts a survey of California handlers to formulate the pre-season California avocado estimate for the following year. On this page are the results of those surveys, which includes the 2019 California Avocado Pre-Season Crop Estimate and weekly harvest projections for the calendar year (January 1 through December 31).

To help California avocado growers make informed harvesting decisions, we have provided the California Crop Weekly Harvest Projections versus Actual Harvest/Shipments through week ending 3/3/19. At the time of this writing, rain and market conditions continued to keep actual harvest numbers behind projections, however industry meetings held in February indicated that the California season is anticipated to get underway as we clear this first quarter of 2019.

Discussions indicate the volume of the crop that is currently behind harvest projections for the first quarter will shift into the second quarter, increasing weekly harvest projections by one million pounds or more during the April through June time period. The Commission is poised to support this fruit with targeted marketing programs during the peak California season, and continues to stress the importance of growers communicating with their handlers and grove managers on a regular basis to determine the best harvest strategy.

In addition to this pre-season estimate, CAC will conduct the annual grower crop survey and acreage inventory in spring 2019, with a mid-season crop estimate update avail-

able mid-May 2019. Crop estimates, projections and acreage summaries can be found on [CaliforniaAvocadoGrowers.com/Industry](http://CaliforniaAvocadoGrowers.com/Industry).

2019 California Crop Harvest Projection					Dec 2018 Handler Survey Hass Distribution
Month	Hass	Lamb	Other	Total	
Jan	2,240,200	-	265,900	2,506,100	1.3%
Feb	6,130,200	-	221,200	6,351,400	3.7%
Mar	15,920,700	-	285,200	16,205,900	9.5%
Apr	30,716,600	700	289,100	31,006,400	18.4%
May	33,648,100	28,800	181,900	33,858,800	20.1%
Jun	30,464,100	551,400	171,100	31,186,600	18.2%
Jul	25,689,600	3,214,700	198,800	29,103,100	15.4%
Aug	16,663,100	1,929,600	113,800	18,706,500	10.0%
Sep	4,718,900	235,400	43,400	4,997,700	2.8%
Oct	808,500	39,400	2,000	849,900	0.5%
Nov	-	-	61,000	61,000	0.0%
Dec	-	-	166,600	166,600	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>167,000,000</b>	<b>6,000,000</b>	<b>2,000,000</b>	<b>175,000,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

2019 California Crop Weekly Harvest Projection Weekly Crop Movement vs. Distribution Projections All Varieties				
Week Ending (CAC Week)	4-Year Historical Forecast	AMRIC Handler Forecast	Industry Adjusted	
	2019 Pre-Season Crop Estimate	Dec 2018 Update	AMRIC Harvest	AMRIC Shipments
Jan 6 - (10)	71,093	65,200	-	14,249
Jan 13 - (11)	429,349	391,500	93,307	27,150
Jan 20 - (12)	733,951	667,100	41,961	41,200
Jan 27 - (13)	1,529,966	1,382,300	332,623	92,431
Feb 3 - (14)	1,549,775	1,565,100	233,836	174,276
Feb 10 - (15)	1,427,131	1,442,400	133,856	158,608
Feb 17 - (16)	1,476,625	1,492,300	226,626	252,788
Feb 24 - (17)	1,832,114	1,851,600	420,995	383,031
Mar 3 - (18)	2,758,217	2,249,100	716,519	628,068
Mar 18 - (19)	3,376,290	2,751,900	-	-
Mar 17 - (20)	4,280,515	3,483,000	-	-
Mar 24 - (21)	4,232,102	3,441,600	-	-
Mar 31 - (22)	5,271,164	4,280,300	-	-
Apr 7 - (23)	5,750,819	6,477,300	-	-
Apr 14 - (24)	6,555,329	7,377,700	-	-
Apr 21 - (25)	7,092,633	7,978,800	-	-
Apr 28 - (26)	8,157,305	9,172,600	-	-
May 5 - (27)	8,386,056	7,233,000	-	-
May 12 - (28)	7,694,000	6,633,400	-	-
May 19 - (29)	7,355,372	6,342,900	-	-
May 26 - (30)	8,180,321	7,054,300	-	-
Jun 2 - (31)	7,648,747	6,595,200	-	-
Jun 9 - (32)	6,794,936	7,455,800	-	-
Jun 16 - (33)	7,174,220	7,870,600	-	-
Jun 23 - (34)	7,439,590	8,158,000	-	-
Jun 30 - (35)	7,044,822	7,702,200	-	-
Jul 7 - (36)	7,183,374	7,833,900	-	-
Jul 14 - (37)	6,864,306	7,442,800	-	-
Jul 21 - (38)	7,056,509	7,646,200	-	-
Jul 28 - (39)	5,684,434	6,180,200	-	-
Aug 4 - (40)	4,904,787	5,099,800	-	-
Aug 11 - (41)	4,180,595	4,347,200	-	-
Aug 18 - (42)	3,655,708	3,803,700	-	-
Aug 25 - (43)	2,905,312	3,023,600	-	-
Sep 1 - (44)	2,336,529	2,432,200	-	-
Sep 8 - (45)	1,527,122	1,665,800	-	-
Sep 15 - (46)	1,095,437	1,198,300	-	-
Sep 22 - (47)	1,071,316	1,178,100	-	-
Sep 29 - (48)	868,897	955,500	-	-
Oct 6 - (49)	440,852	371,600	-	-
Oct 13 - (50)	264,855	220,900	-	-
Oct 20 - (51)	121,110	101,600	-	-
Oct 27 - (52)	119,054	98,800	-	-
Nov 3 - (1)	69,753	57,000	-	-
Nov 10 - (2)	5,131	5,000	-	-
Nov 17 - (3)	2,566	2,500	-	-
Nov 24 - (4)	27,189	26,700	-	-
Dec 1 - (5)	27,129	26,800	-	-
Dec 8 - (6)	18,486	8,400	-	-
Dec 15 - (7)	50,515	59,100	-	-
Dec 22 - (8)	148,063	56,300	-	-
Dec 29 - (9)	128,529	42,800	-	-
<b>Season-to-Date</b>	<b>11,808,222</b>	<b>11,106,600</b>	<b>2,199,723</b>	<b>1,771,802</b>
<b>% of Crop</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>1%</b>
<b>Crop Size</b>	<b>175,000,000</b>	<b>175,000,000</b>	<b>Left to Harvest</b>	<b>Left to Ship</b>
<b>Crop Variance</b>	<b>(9,608,499)</b>	<b>(8,906,877)</b>	<b>172,800,277</b>	<b>173,228,198</b>