

Product information. Crop year 2011/12

Nut sector

ALMONDS



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Main information about almonds. Andalusia.

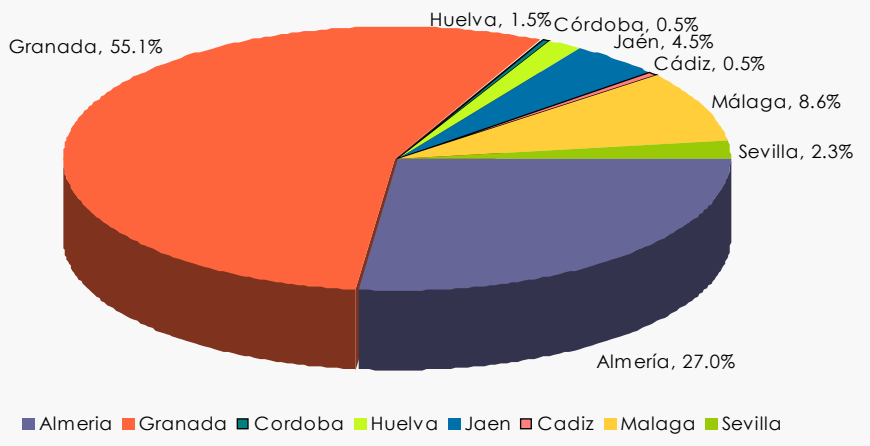
| Almonds | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Value of production 2011 (thousand €) | Value of production 2010 (thousand €) | Difference of production |
| 47,890 | 64,840 | -26% |

Source: agricultural economic indicators of Andalusia. Regional Ministry for Agriculture, Fisheries and Rural Development of Andalusia

| | Production (t) (1) | | Production area (ha) (2) | | Yield (kg/ha) (2) | |
|------------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------------------|----------------|-------------------|------|
| | 2009 | 2010 | 2009 | 2010 | 2009 | 2010 |
| Rain-fed | 47,070 | 41,612 | 165,740 | 147,038 | 284 | 283 |
| Irrigated | 6,930 | 4,333 | 7,658 | 4,730 | 905 | 916 |
| Total | 54,000 | 45,945 | 173,398 | 151,768 | --- | --- |

Sources: (1) prepared by the author on the basis of data of the production areas and yield. (2) statistics yearbook 2009 and 2010. Regional Ministry for Agriculture, Fisheries and Rural Development of Andalusia

Value of production per province. 2011



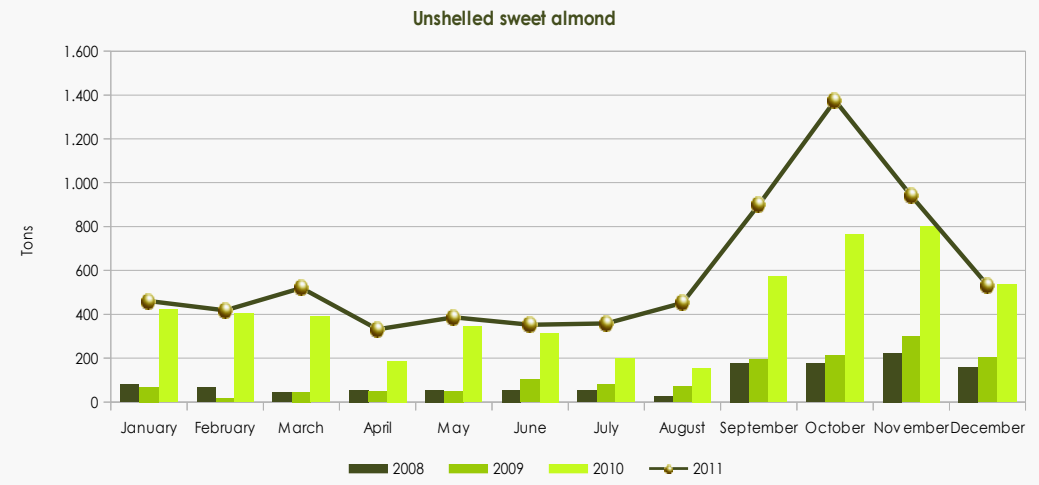
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Exports of almonds. Andalusia.

| Exports of unshelled sweet almonds | | | | |
|------------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------|
| | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 |
| Volume (t) | 1,166 | 1,385 | 5,088 | 7,026 |
| Value (thousand €) | 4,113 | 4,667 | 19,823 | 27,541 |

Source: DATACOMEX. The value of the exports corresponds to ex-works price.

Monthly breakdown of the exports



Source: prepared by the author on the basis of data from DATACOMEX.

Commercial types of almonds



Comuna. It's a mixture of unspecified varieties, although regarding its marketing, it is the most important variety of Andalusia. It represents 70% of the surface and, in 2010/11, the production in grain represented 85%. It is preferably used for pastries, especially in industrialized pastries (sticks, blades, sprinkles and flour).



Largueta. It is an almond with an elongated, pointed and rather flat seed. This group includes the following varieties: desmayo blanco and desmayo largueta, varieties that accounted for 15% and 5% of the surface and grain production, respectively, in Andalusia in 2010/11. Its production level is medium-high. It has an early blooming and it is medium-late harvested. Given its good organoleptic conditions, it is the most used variety by snacks and appetizers manufacturers. Its most common preparation is simply baked with salt although it is also used for the production of Christmas sweets like sugared almonds, chocolates and chocolate praline.



Marcona. It is a sweet almond which has a hard shell. It is characterized by a fairly large rounded seed, colour white and slightly rough. In Andalusia, this variety represents 15% of the area and 10% of the grain production (2010/11). It is a very productive and late-maturing variety. Commercially speaking, it is the most appreciated variety in the market and the most used by the confectionery and "turrón" industries.