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2017 Hazelnut Crop Forecast Down 18 Percent

Hazelnut production in Oregon is forecast to be 36,000 tons, according to the objective yield survey conducted by the Oregon Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture. If realized, this would be a 18 percent decrease from last year's hazelnut crop of 44,000 tons, and 5,000 tons more than 2015.

The percentage of good nuts analyzed in the laboratory came in at 88.1 percent. The average dry weight per good nut was 3.03 grams, up from 3.01 grams in 2016. Observed average nut size was 5.18. The number of nuts picked per tree was 201 this year, compared to 224 nuts picked last year. Large nuts (NASS laboratory sizes 4, 5, and 6) accounted for 49 percent of total good nuts. Jumbo nuts (NASS laboratory sizes 7 and 8) accounted for 28 percent of the total. Brown stain was found in 0.18 percent of the samples this year.

Hazelnut Production — Oregon: 2010-2016, and Forecasted 2017

[In-shell basis]

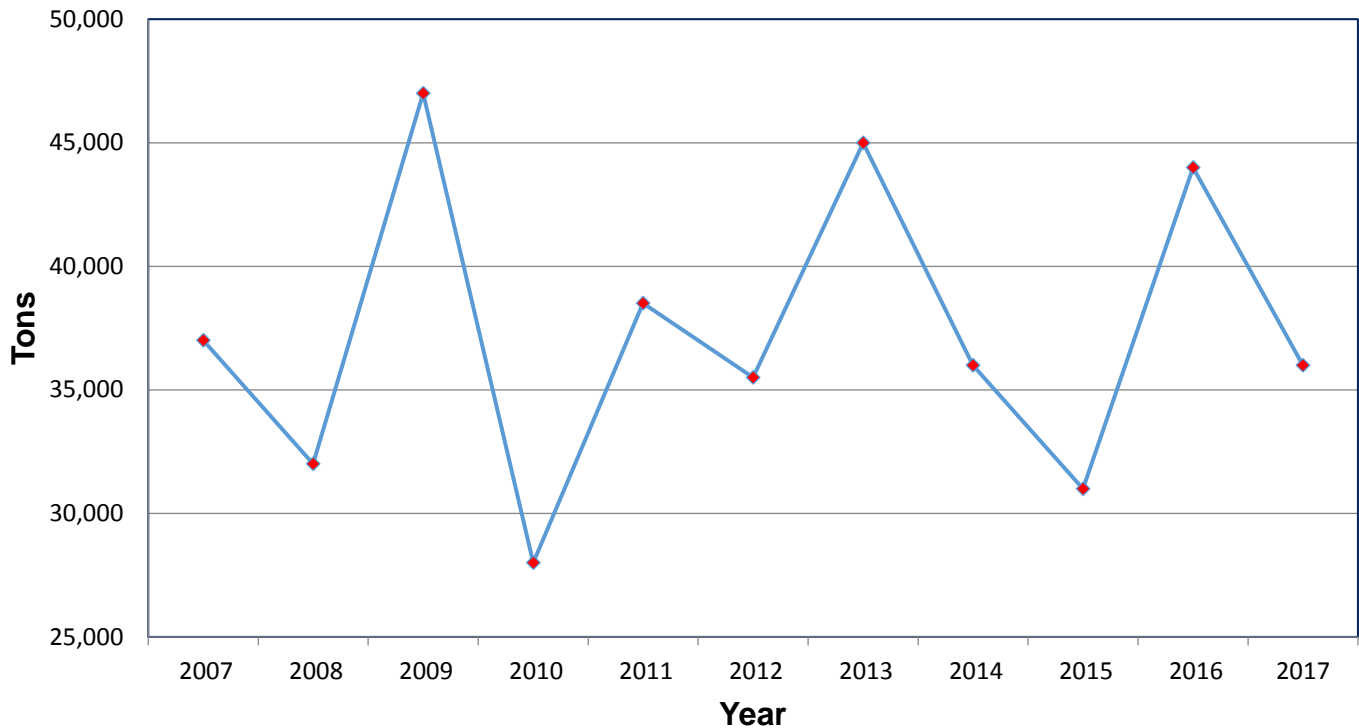
State	Utilized production							
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Forecast 2017 ¹
	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)
Oregon	28,000	38,500	35,500	45,000	36,000	31,000	44,000	36,000

¹ Subject to revision June 2018.

Hazelnut Percentage of Good Nuts by Size Category — Oregon: 2014-2017

Size	NASS laboratory		Percentage of good nuts				Industry equivalent	
	Minimum measure	Maximum measure	2014	2015	2016	2017	Size	Measure
	(mm)	(mm)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)		(mm)
1		14.6	0.5	0.6	0.9	0.7	Small	less than 17.9
2	14.6	18.3	7.8	8.2	9.8	9.8	Small	less than 17.9
3	18.3	19.9	11.2	12.3	11.3	12.5	Medium	17.9 to 19.4
4	19.9	20.9	11.7	12.9	11.8	14.6	Large	19.4 to 22.2
5	20.9	22.0	18.6	17.5	17.7	21.2	Large	19.4 to 22.2
6	22.0	22.6	12.8	12.1	12.8	12.8	Large	19.4 to 22.2
7	22.6	23.6	17.8	16.0	16.7	15.8	Jumbo	22.2+
8	23.6		19.6	20.3	19.1	12.6	Jumbo	22.2+

Hazelnut Utilized Production - Oregon: 2007-2016, and Forecasted 2017



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