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2015 Hazelnut Crop Forecast Up 8 Percent

Hazelnut production in Oregon is forecast to be 39,000 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 an 8 percent increase from last year's hazelnut crop of 36,000 tons, and 6,000 tons less than 2013.

The percentage of good nuts analyzed in the laboratory came in at 87.2 percent. The average dry weight per good nut was 3.17 grams, down from 3.23 grams in 2014. Observed average nut size category was 5.41. The number of nuts picked per tree was 186 this year, compared to 187 nuts picked last year. Large nuts (NASS laboratory sizes 4, 5, and 6) accounted for 43 percent of total good nuts. Jumbo nuts (NASS laboratory sizes 7 and 8) accounted for 36 percent of the total.

Hazelnut Production — Oregon: 2008-2014, and Forecasted 2015

[In-shell basis]

State	Utilized production							
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014 ¹	Forecast 2015
	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)
Oregon	32,000	47,000	28,000	38,500	35,500	45,000	36,000	39,000

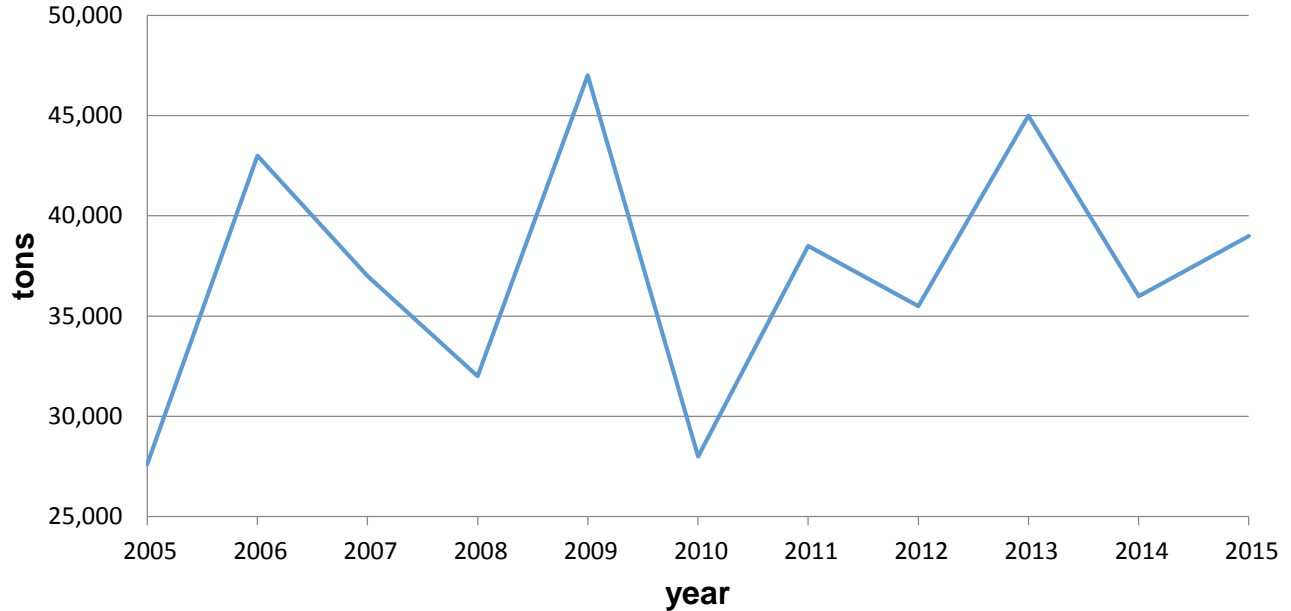
¹ Subject to revision January 2016.

Hazelnut Percentage of Good Nuts by Size Category — Oregon: 2011-2015

[Hazelnut objective yield survey not conducted in 2012]

Size	NASS laboratory		Percentage of good nuts				Industry equivalent	
	Minimum measure	Maximum measure	2011	2013	2014	2015	Size	Measure
	(mm)	(mm)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)		(mm)
1		14.6	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.6	Small	less than 17.9
2	14.6	18.3	8.2	8.0	7.8	8.2	Small	less than 17.9
3	18.3	19.9	11.8	11.3	11.2	12.3	Medium	17.9 to 19.4
4	19.9	20.9	10.4	12.4	11.7	12.9	Large	19.4 to 22.2
5	20.9	22.0	15.0	16.3	18.6	17.5	Large	19.4 to 22.2
6	22.0	22.6	10.6	10.3	12.8	12.1	Large	19.4 to 22.2
7	22.6	23.6	18.0	15.9	17.8	16.0	Jumbo	22.2+
8	23.6		25.3	25.1	19.6	20.3	Jumbo	22.2+

Hazelnut Utilized Production - Oregon: 2005-2014, and Forecasted 2015



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