



# PISTACHIO PRODUCTION AND PRICE INQUIRY

## May 1, 2009



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Dear Reporter:

We need your help to prepare California's 2008 pistachio production and average returns to growers. Response to this survey is voluntary and not required by law. However, your cooperation is very important to accurately estimate California's pistachio production and prices. Individual reports are kept **confidential** and only used in State totals.

*Please make corrections to name, address, and Zip Code, if necessary.*

**Please fax or complete by mail by May 14.**  
**FAX Number: 1-888-478-5637**  
**Survey web site: [www.agcounts.usda.gov](http://www.agcounts.usda.gov)**

Please complete and return this questionnaire by using our toll-free fax number or the enclosed postage-paid return envelope. This survey will be available on the Internet on April 21. If you have any questions, please call John McDonnell at 1-800-851-1127, ext 131.

A. Report the average price for nuts delivered to the packinghouse or receiving station.

**Include**

- Bonus payments for quality
- Hauling allowances
- Assessments

**Exclude**

- Commissions and wages paid for acquisition
- Purchases from other handlers

B. When reporting Marketable Shelling Stock, if in-shell weight is unknown, use 2.0 X nut meat weight.

1. Total Marketable In-shell. ....
2. Total marketable shelling stock. ....
3. Total crop processed.  
(Item 1 + Item 2). ....
4. Shelling Ratio OR Pounds of Nut Meat  
(Refers to quantity in Item 1). ....

2008 Crop	
Quantity Purchased (Pounds)	Average Price Per Pound At Processing Plant Door (\$/Pound)
Shelling Ratio	Pounds of Nut Meat

5. Are these the final prices for the 2008 crop year?

Check one:  YES  NO

**COMMENTS:**

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