2026 STANDING ACREAGE
AS OF JULY 15, 2026

In cooperation with the California Walnut Board

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INTRODUCTION

For the last four years, Land IQ has produced an in-year, statewide walnut acreage estimate. This estimate is the result of extensive ground truthing and advanced remote sensing analytics, to differentiate walnut orchards from other tree and annual crops.

The result is highly accurate mapping of walnuts that are a minimum of four years old. Walnut orchards that are less than 4 years old cannot be consistently differentiated from other similarly aged tree crops using remotely sensed methods. The ground truthing data, proportionality of walnuts to other tree crops, and other lines of evidence are used to numerically estimate acreage for orchards that are one to four years old. Both the remotely sensed and numerical estimates are combined for a total statewide acreage estimate.

PRODUCING ACRES

The resulting acreage statistics as of July 15, 2026 are:

2025 Final Bearing Acreage:	380,205
Inter-year adjustments/corrections:	122
2026 Removed Acreage:	6,990
2026 New Bearing Acreage:	7,199
2026 Total Final Bearing Acreage:	**380,536**
2026 Non-Bearing Acreage Estimate:	7,800
2026 Total Standing Acreage:	**388,336**

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2026 Abandoned Standing Acreage	9,630
2026 Producing Bearing Acreage:	**370,906**

SUMMARY TABLES

The tables on the following pages represents standing acreage, removed acreage, and potentially abandoned acreage by County. More detailed acreage by year planted is provided as well.

REMOVALS

Land IQ produced an initial bearing acreage estimate in June, which included a removals analysis as of April 30, 2026. This update provides the additional removals identified between May 1, 2026 and July 15, 2026.

As a result, the 2026 removals estimate was updated:

- 4,665 - Acres removed from the initial estimate
- 2,325 - Acres removed from the final estimate
- **6,990 - Total acres removed in 2026 crop year**

The average age of removed orchards in the 2026 crop year was 28 years old.

POTENTIALLY ABANDONED

To fully understand the acres of producing walnuts, Land IQ performed an additional analysis to determine how many acres are in various degrees of abandonment:

- **Abandoned** - 9,630 acres
  Orchards are likely abandoned and assumed to be not producing.
- **Stressed** - 7,716 acres
  Orchards are assumed to be producing at a reduced yield potential.

AGE

Each mapping year, Land IQ not only maps all walnut orchards within the state, but also applies a separate analysis to quantify the age of each individual orchard. The accuracy of this estimate is greater than 95% at +/- 1 year. Based on that analysis, Land IQ determined that:

- 1 percent of walnut orchards were 1-4 years old,
- 15 percent were between 5 and 9 years old,
- 29 percent were between 10 and 14 years old,
- 19 percent were between 15 and 19 years old,
- 11 percent were between 20 and 24 years old, and
- 25 percent were over 25 years old.

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2025 Final Estimate		Description
2025 Removed Acreage	10,114	Removals mapped between September 1, 2024 and August 31, 2025.
2025 New Bearing Acres Coming into Production	8,471	Previous non-bearing acreage (planted 2021) newly coming into production.
2025 Standing Bearing Acreage	394,305	Land IQ 2025 Standing Bearing Acreage. This includes stressed and abandoned orchards.
2025 Non-Bearing Acreage Estimate	14,100	Includes mapped non-bearing orchards from 1 to 4 years old, plus an estimate of very young orchards that have not been detected due to immature status. This estimate is developed using mapping, ground truth data and statistical analysis.
2025 Total Standing Acreage	380,205	Total standing acreage; includes 2025 mapping after removals and new estimated non-bearing acreage.
2025 High Stress/Abandoned Acreage Still Standing	9,242	Acreage showing high levels of stress over current or multiple water years. These are less likely to be in production and are removed from "Producing Bearing Acreage Estimate."
2025 Producing Bearing Acreage	**370,963**	2025 Standing Bearing Acres minus 2025 High Stress/Abandoned Acreage that is still standing.

2026 Final Estimate (as of July 15)		Description
2026 Removals (Initial: September 2025 through April 2026, Final: September through July 15, 2026)	6,990	Removals mapped between September 1, 2025 and July 15, 2026. (Initial estimate from September 2025 through April 2026 was 4,665 acres).
2026 New Bearing Acreage Coming into Production	7,199	Previous non-bearing acreage (planted 2022) newly coming into production. (Initial estimate identified 7,097 acres coming into production).
2026 Total Standing Acreage	388,336	Total standing acreage; includes current 2026 mapping after removals and new estimated non-bearing acreage and inter-year adjustments (122 acres).
2026 Non-Bearing Estimate	7,800	Includes mapped non-bearing orchards from 1 to 4 years old, plus an estimate of very young orchards that have not been detected due to immature status. This estimate is developed using mapping, ground truth data and statistical analysis.
2026 Bearing Age Acreage	380,536	Total acreage standing with a bearing age inclusive of stressed and abandoned acreage outlined below.
2026 Likely Abandoned Acreage	9,630	High levels of stress over current the water year and less likely to be in production; were removed from "Producing Bearing Acreage Estimate."
2026 Final Producing Bearing Acreage Estimate	**370,906**	Estimate of bearing acreage likely in production, omitting abandoned acreage.

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County	Standing Acreage	Removed Acreage	Potentially Abandoned Acreage	County	Standing Acreage	Removed Acreage	Potentially Abandoned Acreage
Alameda	40	0	40	Placer	3,989	14	49
Amador	429	0	160	Riverside	4	0	0
Butte	51,174	661	226	Sacramento	2,810	0	61
Calaveras	987	4	374	San Benito	874	177	213
Colusa	22,801	229	85	San Joaquin	65,075	1,257	345
Contra Costa	394	0	89	San Luis Obispo	1,470	7	414
El Dorado	189	0	132	Santa Barbara	194	16	20
Fresno	7,053	401	181	Santa Clara	511	10	169
Glenn	38,660	116	36	Santa Cruz	23	5	19
Kern	91	0	0	Shasta	1,448	0	141
Kings	11,744	698	432	Solano	8,671	326	566
Lake	4,692	28	3,121	Sonoma	99	0	55
Madera	2,258	75	1	Stanislaus	26,853	354	538
Marin	3	0	0	Sutter	35,935	426	223
Mariposa	9	0	5	Tehama	32,506	328	312
Mendocino	81	0	69	Tulare	27,890	980	464
Merced	6,417	177	145	Ventura	100	0	85
Monterey	361	0	0	Yolo	10,162	545	505
Napa	68	0	61	Yuba	16,906	158	293
Nevada	10	0	0	**Acreage as of July 15, 2026**	**388,336**	**6,990**	**9,630**

*Reflects standing acreage only, including the non-bearing estimate and stressed and potentially abandoned acreage.
**Removals are those observed between September 1, 2025 and July 15 2026.
** Potentially abandoned acreage is further broken down into two tiers in the sheets that follow this table.
Some differences may occur between sheets due to rounding.

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2026 Standing Walnut Acreage by Year Planted as of July 15, 2026

County	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Alameda	37						3										
Amador	218				5		6				3	4	13	1	4		2
Butte	4,949	450	396	228	512	428	545	198	580	585	713	616	566	1,135	800	1,218	625
Calaveras	455	17			55		21		76			5	19		13	31	
Colusa	421	1	23	5	74		47	29	24		101	64	16	79	160	62	330
Contra Costa	94				6		7	18					14	3	35		1
El Dorado	148						10			14				15			
Fresno	145					68	21	11	41		16	82	130	72	237	458	86
Glenn	1,091	7	80	70	73	20	177	180	279	317	498	885	268	639	729	314	339
Kern	2						5										3
Kings	239	1	44	4	60	35	19	14	18	140	99	78	245	246	324	569	264
Lake	3,497	2		10	11	3	180	3	42	83	7	10		0	27	4	2
Madera	47			1									22	47		80	
Marin	3																
Mariposa	9																
Mendocino	67						5										
Merced	261				11		172	33	49		18	29	115	30	130	83	193
Monterey	116																
Napa	66				1												
Nevada									7								
Placer	163									5					59	31	
Riverside																	
Sacramento	101	11	1				1						1	55	382		
San Benito	225	6		16	1	25	104			5	99		18		14		1
San Joaquin	7,237	98	81	324	296	100	336	130	379	751	837	518	991	581	1,035	739	746
San Luis Obispo	965		6	2	3		340		15	28							30
Santa Barbara	37			102				19			20						16
Santa Clara	109	4			3	17	91				52	24	3	11	0		0
Santa Cruz	11									3		9					
Shasta	158			40		19		28			38		40		2	71	
Solano	762	39	74	20	15	201	161	119	79	9	234	50	20	502	228	106	50
Sonoma	97				2												
Stanislaus	1,345	9	122	101	15	46	260	32	125	222	393	287	402	375	589	614	581
Sutter	2,243	133	282	161	105	272	408	172	242	205	546	865	218	672	555	675	345
Tehama	2,817	1	47	272		52	109	18	386	87	597	415	437	326	288	1,004	113
Tulare	1,304	165	77	101	171	110	299	260	181	143	828	330	589	913	530	790	689
Ventura	93								3								
Yolo	491	65	32	19	11	236	133	9	58	66	101	66	146	3	77	106	44
Yuba	830	41		70	116	90	248	26	324	143	67	216	65	153	179	620	31
Grand Total	**30,854**	**1,050**	**1,265**	**1,545**	**1,543**	**1,722**	**3,709**	**1,299**	**2,907**	**2,807**	**5,267**	**4,552**	**4,335**	**5,859**	**6,398**	**7,576**	**4,493**

Source: Land IQ. California Statewide Walnut Mapping - 2026. Based on data from USDA National Agricultural Imaging Program (NAIP), USGS Landsat, Sentinel-2, and other private imagery resources.

2026 Standing Walnut Acreage by Year Planted as of July 15, 2026

County	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Alameda	1															
Amador					5										13	
Butte	1,315	787	2,422	1,241	1,187	1,096	741	1,402	2,316	2,228	2,253	348	3,575	1,354	2,736	2,348
Calaveras	50			38	0			16								78
Colusa	271	146	431	903	528	937	1,017	786	1,881	1,412	1,333	288	1,281	704	1,982	1,364
Contra Costa		3		10					10	3	36		35		39	58
El Dorado			1		0											
Fresno	60	59	213	43	147	22	108	192	508	483	260	211	598	624	385	804
Glenn	1,036	708	1,346	1,002	589	631	735	1,511	1,261	1,904	2,632	609	2,513	3,437	2,091	2,669
Kern									3							79
Kings	206	171	84	190	386	402	335	242	582	880	477	268	1,236	1,034	579	808
Lake	7	10	4	108	4	20	46	45	33	36	39	67	169	6	66	2
Madera	57					55	281		202	120	207	63	80	98	205	534
Marin																
Mariposa																
Mendocino			2	2							2	3				
Merced	64	222		227	114	76	67	143	193	245	449	549	801	270	326	427
Monterey		75	54	110									6			
Napa																
Nevada																
Placer	13						3		170		254	102	964	38	865	50
Riverside																0
Sacramento	17			2			21		48			36		139	565	319
San Benito			0	29		3	19				2		34		52	71
San Joaquin	1,157	950	824	1,176	919	1,611	2,193	2,776	1,567	3,503	2,783	1,513	2,978	3,101	5,514	4,008
San Luis Obispo	66												12		0	
Santa Barbara																
Santa Clara				8			9		13		3		8		92	
Santa Cruz																
Shasta	230	43	3	26	1	0	12				17	3	107	25	234	31
Solano	469	92	534	134	207	55	73	76	358	314	295	207	254	603	1,065	340
Sonoma																
Stanislaus	429	510	418	521	515	607	889	1,416	718	1,204	1,827	1,239	1,917	2,229	2,193	1,591
Sutter	464	381	455	935	501	822	1,788	898	1,106	1,285	2,278	679	2,651	1,836	3,492	757
Tehama	1,568	424	186	742	358	285	1,150	648	976	1,600	1,447	746	2,033	1,393	2,037	1,568
Tulare	830	605	409	686	280	671	824	408	780	1,279	1,128	1,060	3,091	1,799	1,971	1,098
Ventura										0	1			3		
Yolo	83	179	96	480	362	132	343	393	421	561	360	39	435	227	1,392	1,549
Yuba	183	89	182	520	170	805	550	159	276	686	940	754	1,094	678	1,009	612
Grand Total	**8,575**	**5,456**	**7,664**	**9,130**	**6,274**	**8,228**	**11,203**	**11,111**	**13,419**	**17,743**	**19,022**	**8,784**	**25,870**	**19,597**	**28,903**	**21,166**

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2026 Standing Walnut Acreage by Year Planted as of July 15, 2026

County	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023[a]	2024[b]	2025[c]	2026	Standing Grand Total
Alameda											**40**
Amador	33	59	63								**429**
Butte	1,400	1,665	868	2,127	990	1,772	459				**51,174**
Calaveras			51				62				**987**
Colusa	1,267	500	1,923	1,488	450	447	27				**22,801**
Contra Costa	13	11									**394**
El Dorado											**189**
Fresno	208	180	35	31	371	24	121				**7,053**
Glenn	814	2,034	1,047	1,917	1,194	622	389				**38,660**
Kern											**91**
Kings	335	74	500	141	164	167	84				**11,744**
Lake	35	49	17	32	15	5					**4,692**
Madera	85	55			14	1	2				**2,258**
Marin											**3**
Mariposa											**9**
Mendocino					1						**81**
Merced	270	743	78	14	1	11	3				**6,417**
Monterey											**361**
Napa			2								**68**
Nevada		3									**10**
Placer	1	79		1,191							**3,989**
Riverside				4							
Sacramento	287	383	183	7	249						**2,810**
San Benito	21	87	28			10	6				**874**
San Joaquin	2,674	2,435	2,492	2,681	1,689	955	400				**65,075**
San Luis Obispo					1		1				**1,470**
Santa Barbara											**194**
Santa Clara	52		8				4				**511**
Santa Cruz											**23**
Shasta	13	72	70	120	31	12					**1,448**
Solano	281	304	44	222	63	5	9				**8,671**
Sonoma											**99**
Stanislaus	637	501	773	468	336	277	121				**26,853**
Sutter	1,017	1,447	1,548	1,310	1,097	858	232				**35,935**
Tehama	1,412	1,106	1,531	1,882	854	1,196	397				**32,506**
Tulare	1,067	770	652	634	245	93	27				**27,890**
Ventura											**100**
Yolo	612	177	118	419	123						**10,162**
Yuba	511	743	1,194	1,112	575	744	100				**16,906**
Grand Total	**13,046**	**13,476**	**13,227**	**15,800**	**8,461**	**7,199**	**2,445**	**5,355**			**388,336**

High Stress/Abandoned Orchards Likely Not in Production **9,630**

Total Producing Bearing Acreage **370,906**

Source: Land IQ. California Statewide Walnut Mapping - 2026. Based on data from USDA National Agricultural Imaging Program (NAIP), USGS Landsat, Sentinel-2, and other private imagery resources.

[a] Non-bearing is considered years 1-4 (2023-2026). Orchards planted in 2022 are considered bearing in 2026. Orchards planted in 2023 will be considered bearing in 2027.

[b] The estimated non-bearing acreages for 2023 - 2026 is numerically estimated according to the spatially mapped acreage and ground truthing during 2026. While bearing acreage mapping has been validated with an accuracy of 98.8%, non-bearing numerical acreage estimates should be understood to have an estimated +/-10% potential variability.

[c] Non-bearing age assessment does not take into consideration effect of clonal plantings.

2026 Removed and Abanonded Acreage Estimates by County

	Total Crop Year 2025-2026		
	Removed	Abandoned	Stressed
Alameda	0	40	0
Amador	0	160	79
Butte	661	226	260
Calaveras	4	374	25
Colusa	229	85	199
Contra Costa	0	89	34
El Dorado	0	132	54
Fresno	401	181	260
Glenn	116	36	12
Kern	0	0	2
Kings	698	432	167
Lake	28	3,121	650
Madera	75	1	23
Marin	0	0	3
Mariposa	0	5	5
Mendocino	0	69	6
Merced	177	145	60
Monterey	0	0	4
Napa	0	61	0
Nevada	0	0	7
Placer	14	49	139
Riversid	0	0	0
Sacramento	0	61	3
San Benito	177	213	273
San Joaquin	1,257	345	911
San Luis Obispo	7	414	1,041
Santa Barbara	16	20	98
Santa Clara	10	169	51
Santa Cruz	5	19	0
Shasta	0	141	52
Solano	326	566	623
Sonoma	0	55	45
Stanislaus	354	538	553
Sutter	426	223	832
Tehama	328	312	305
Tulare	980	464	333
Ventura	0	85	11
Yolo	545	505	274
Yuba	158	293	322
Grand Total	**6,990**	**9,630**	**7,716**

Source: Land IQ. California Statewide Walnut Mapping - 2026. Based on data from USDA National Agricultural Imaging Program (NAIP), USGS Landsat, and other private imagery resources.

Abandoned: Orchards are likely abandoned and assumed to be not producing.

Stressed: Orchards are assumed to be producing at a reduced yield potential.