

2020 Harvest Update

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First 2020 Update

The 2020 pistachio harvest in California has been underway for about 2 weeks. We received our first loads on August 25th, about the same as 2019 and previous years. It has been a hot, dusty, smoky start to the season. Our first load of the Kerman variety was received yesterday. Until then, all deliveries had been Golden Hills (GH) and Lost Hills (LH). As is usual early in the season, damage from navel orange worm (**NOW**) has been minimal

So what do we know about the crop so far? Can we refine the crop estimate? The short answer is **“NO”**. We do know Golden Hills yields are:

1. **At expected levels**
2. **Young GH trees are yielding better than 2019**
3. **Nut size is about 10% larger than 2019, and similar in size to 2018. The larger nut size in part accounts for higher yield.**
4. **Maturity on individual trees and across orchards is varied. Had maturity been uniform, yields would have been greater than expected.**

In summary, we expect GH and LH to have excellent yield and quality in 2020. So we know about 20% of the crop is in good shape. Ten days from now we will have a better idea as Kerman yield and quality.

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