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### **Calendar**

*For a listing of industry events and dates for the coming year, please visit:*

<http://www.californiaavocadogrowers.com/commission/calendar>

### **Index Fresh — Polyphagous Shot Hole Borer Seminar**

Index Fresh is hosting three Polyphagous Shot Hole Borer (PSHB) seminars for California avocado growers. Guest speakers include: Tom Bellamore and Ken Melban of the California Avocado Commission, Dr. Zvi Mendel, Department of Entomology, Agricultural Research Organization, Israel and Dr. Stanley Freeman, Department of Plant Pathology, Volcani Research Center, Israel. Continuing education credits for these seminars are available.

Please RSVP with Susan Soto at: 909-877-0999, ext. 258

#### **May 12-14**

##### **May 12**

**Time:** 9:00 a.m.

**Location:** Pala Mesa Resort, 2001 Old Highway 395, Live Oak & Sycamore Rooms, Fallbrook, CA

##### **May 13**

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

**Location:** Hilton Garden Inn, 2000 Solar Drive, Adagio Room, Oxnard, CA

##### **May 14**

**Time:** 9:00 a.m.

**Location:** Embassy Suites, 333 Madonna Road, Los Osos Room, San Luis Obispo, CA

### **CAC Governance Committee Meeting**

#### **May 13**

**Time:** 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**Location:** Hilton Garden Inn Oxnard/Camarillo, 8th Floor Boardroom, 2000 Solar Drive, Oxnard, CA 93036

## CAC Finance Committee Meeting

May 21

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Location: Hotel Irvine – Salon A, 17900 Jamboree Rd., Irvine, CA 92614

## CAC Board Meeting

May 21

Time: 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Location: Hotel Irvine – Salon A, 17900 Jamboree Rd., Irvine, CA 92614

## CAS/CAC/UCCE Grower Seminar: Avocado Tree Physiology and Pruning

Speakers include:

- Jim Downer, a farm advisor in Ventura will discuss the basic principles of tree pruning.
- Ben Faber, a farm advisor in Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties whose primary crop involvement is avocados and citrus. He will present information concerning avocado-specific pruning.

June 2-4

June 2

Time: 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Location: UC Cooperative Extension Office Auditorium, 2156 Sierra Way, San Luis Obispo, CA

June 3

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Location: UC Cooperative Extension Office Auditorium, 669 County Square Dr., Ventura, CA

June 4

Time: 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Location: Fallbrook Public Utility District Board Rm., 990 East Mission Rd., Fallbrook, CA

## CALL TO ACTION! Goleta Farmers Facing Huge Water Rate Increase

The Goleta Water District (District) board of directors, in April, adopted a resolution creating drought surcharges of \$2.60 per hundred cubic feet (HCF) beginning July 1, 2015. The board also approved increasing water rates by 2 percent for FY 2015-2016, 3% for fiscal year 2016-17, and up to 4 percent each of the next three years. The District will hold a public hearing on June 16 to consider the proposed change in rates and the adoption of drought surcharges (more information below). The new drought surcharges will be assessed on all customer classes under a Stage 3 water emergency, which according to John McInnes, District General Manager, is expected to be implemented by the end of May. If implemented, the drought surcharges will increase agricultural water costs by up to 300 percent.

Commodity Charge	Current Rate (HCF)	With Drought Surcharge (HCF)	Current Rate (AF)	With Drought Surcharge (AF)
Urban Agricultural	\$1.42	\$4.02	\$618.55	\$1,751.11
West Conduit System Agricultural	\$1.30	\$3.90	\$566.28	\$1,698.84

HCF=Hundred Cubic Feet; AF=Acre Foot

The California Avocado Commission (Commission) has been in contact with District staff to express our extreme concern over the detrimental impact such an increase will have on agricultural customers. A meeting has been set by Commission senior staff with District management for early May to learn more about the District's delivery system, supply sources and current levels. Our goal is to explore any possible remedies to mitigate the planned rate increase. In 2011 the Commission successfully worked with the District to avoid a costly increase on agriculture, but the current drought conditions make this situation extremely challenging.

Cachuma Lake, one of the District's major supply sources, is experiencing historic low levels. As this drought continues into a fourth year, the supplies necessary to maintain average customer demand are becoming severely depleted. This drought surcharges are intended to create significant conservation of water use among the District's customer base with a goal of extending a dwindling water supply. According to McInnes, agricultural customer use increased 25% in calendar year 2014 as compared with 2013. It's apparent the District realizes such a costly increase will likely result in a significant reduction in agricultural sales.

If you are a Goleta Water District customer we urge you to write a letter in opposition to the proposed drought surcharges on agriculture. It is also important that you attend the June 16, 2015 public hearing and voice your opposition.

#### HOW TO PROTEST:

- 1) A public hearing has been scheduled for June 16, 2015, 5:30 pm at the Goleta Union School, 401 N. Fairview Ave., Goleta. Members of the public will be allowed to provide comments.
- 2) Deliver your protest signed and in writing, including your name and service address (or parcel number) to the Goleta Water District at 4699 Hollister Avenue, Goleta, CA 93110 prior to the District's consideration of this item June 16, 2015.
- 3) Protests may also be mailed to the District at P.O. Box 3370, Santa Barbara, CA 93130 or submitted at the June 16, 2015 public hearing. Faxed or e-mailed protests cannot be accepted. Protests are public records.

The following points may be incorporated into your protest:

- The proposed drought surcharge will seriously jeopardize the future of avocado farming in Goleta;
- A loss of agriculture will go beyond the immediate economic impacts on farmers, their employees, and the businesses they support;
- Avocado groves in Goleta are a hedge against fire and urban expansion;
- Farms generate local taxes while placing low demands on city services;
- Avocado groves provide open space, environmental benefits, and add aesthetic qualities to the landscape;
- Crops do not require treated water so the agricultural sector is not driving needed capital improvements for water treatment or system expansion;
- A recent Southern California Public Opinion Poll found that nearly 75 percent of residents believe that farmers should receive reduced water rates;
- Those surveyed showed an overwhelming support for paying higher water rates in order to keep agriculture as part of the economy;
- It is my view that Goleta residents understand and appreciate the benefits that result from the presence of agriculture in the community;

- Public policy decisions should take into consideration the value of maintaining an agricultural base.

## **Theft Is on the Rise — Protect Your Groves**

According to a recent report from Ventura Sheriff Detective Chip Cadman, theft of avocados, fertilizer and pesticides is on the rise. Two individuals were arrested for avocado theft in an unincorporated area of Santa Paula and another set of avocado thieves was arrested for theft in the unincorporated area of Moorpark. Two reports of fertilizer and pesticides were recently reported in the unincorporated area of Oxnard and Santa Barbara County has also reported a rise in theft of these agriculture supplies.

The San Diego County Sheriff's office also has reported a number of agricultural thefts recently. A Fallbrook business reported the theft of four 20 gpm Dosatron fertilizer injectors and a cell phone, while thieves attempted to break into a pesticide shed of another Fallbrook business. In Valley Center, 150 gallons of fuel were stolen from a grove.

Detective Cadman notes that ranches and farms are attractive targets for thieves because of the expensive equipment, materials and supplies on the premises and because these locations are often in remote areas where criminal activity is not easily seen.

For these reasons, Detective Chapman recommends the following actions be taken in order to safeguard avocado groves, property, equipment and materials.

### **Supplies**

- Rather than stockpiling supplies, order just what you need in order to avoid having to store supplies on the premises.
- If you do need to stockpile supplies, store them in a location not easily visible from the road, but easily visible from a house or workstation.
- Store supplies in a secure location other than where you receive the delivery of supplies in case suspects are watching.
- Maintain a complete listing of all tools, including serial numbers and model numbers.

### **Equipment**

- Keep close track of equipment and ensure it is marked with an Owner Applied Number (OAN). If you need assistance obtaining an OAN contact your local law enforcement agency.
- Lock all equipment and do not hide keys in the vehicle.
- Remove all tools and equipment from vehicles. Vehicular toolboxes should be locked and secured to the vehicle.
- Do not leave equipment in the fields overnight. If you must, park the equipment where it is not easily seen from the road and chain machinery/equipment together.
- Place lockable cases over batteries and lockable caps on fuel openings.
- Ensure areas around fuel tanks are well lit and that the fuel tank is not easily seen from the road.
- Locate fuel tank control switches in a house or locked building.
- Maintain a complete listing of all machinery/equipment, including serial numbers and model numbers.

## Buildings

- Secure doors by placing hinges on the interior of the door, reinforcing interior doorjambs and use heavy-duty strike plates and long screws.
- Use heavy padlocks on doors.
- Use a commercial side-block or insert a pin through the bottom sash to secure windows.
- Metal bars and heavy screens provide extra security on high-risk windows.

## Property

- Post “No Trespassing” signs on the borders of your property, as well as signs warning of video surveillance, alarm systems, security guards or dogs.
- Check fences to ensure they are secure.
- Lock all gates with heavy-duty chains and padlocks when not in use.
- Use posts, poles, drainage ditches or large boulders to block vehicle access to open areas on your property.

If a theft does occur in your grove it is important you contact law enforcement (911) immediately and leave the scene intact so officials can gather evidence. Be certain to take down license plate numbers and the make, color and other significant details of the suspected vehicle. Note the direction in which the vehicle travels. Take note of the suspect’s age, height, weight, facial hair, clothing and shoe type.

Theft-related information can be submitted to the hotline at [AvoTheft@avocado.org](mailto:AvoTheft@avocado.org), or by calling (949) 754-0733. It is important to provide the following information when reporting a theft:

- your name
- contact phone number
- address or intersection where theft occurred
- date of theft
- time of theft
- pounds of fruit stolen
- other items taken or vandalized

The California Avocado Commission's Anti-Theft Reward Program provides a monetary reward, of up to \$5,000, to individuals who provide information leading to the arrest/conviction of another for unlawful possession of California avocados, or for information leading to the return of stolen fruit, or for information leading to the prevention of an avocado theft in progress. For more information regarding the Commission's reward program, click [here](#).

If you need advice concerning theft prevention, assistance with OANs or have any questions, contact your local law enforcement agency.

## REMINDER: CAC's Annual Grower Crop Estimate Survey: Responses Due May 8

The California Avocado Commission (CAC) is conducting its annual grower crop estimate survey. It is important California avocado growers complete the survey in order to fine-tune the estimate and better predict the harvest flow to market. Pre-season estimates for 2015 indicate a crop volume of approximately 327 million pounds. The survey is also an important tool in helping CAC understand the industry's overall productivity and grower intentions in light of industry variables such as water pricing, availability and global market competition.

Surveys were mailed to all producers on record in April. The deadline for completing the survey is Friday, May 8, 2015.

If you need assistance estimating your avocado crop, visit CAC's [avocado crop estimation instructions](#) or utilize the [Avocadosource.com](#) avocado crop estimating calculator. The "Crop Estimating Calculator" is listed under "Tools."

Growers may submit their survey responses [online at the California avocado growers website](#). They may also complete the postage-paid survey they received and return by mail. Simply fold the form so that BUSINESS REPLY MAIL shows on the front. The form also may be faxed to 619.445.3346.

If you did not receive a crop estimate survey, or have questions regarding the form, please contact April Aymami at [aaymami@avocado.org](mailto:aaymami@avocado.org) or 949.341.1955.

## Cinco de Mayo Landing Page Helps Consumers Create a Fresh California Avocado Fiesta

To help consumers plan a California-style Cinco de Mayo celebration, the California Avocado Commission (CAC) has launched a [Cinco de Mayo landing page](#) on the CaliforniaAvocado.com website. The landing page encourages consumers to "California-fy" their Cinco de Mayo holiday with a collection of fresh California avocado recipes that appeal to a variety of guests' dietary preferences — including gluten free, paleo friendly, vegetarian and diabetic friendly recipes.

The Cinco de Mayo campaign integrates the newly themed landing page with CAC's social media platforms and *The Scoop* blog. The site:

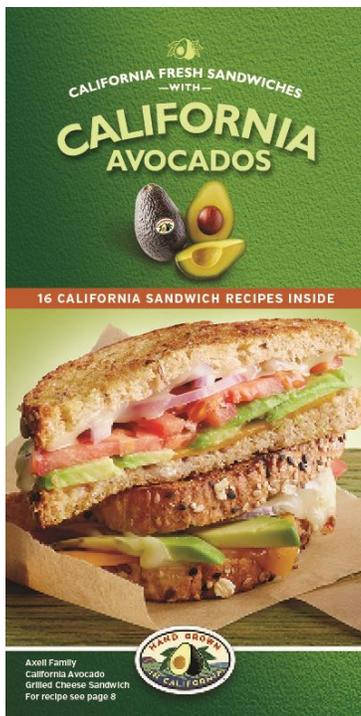
- Encourages consumers to visit the Commission's [Pinterest Board](#) for party-planning tips
- Asks California avocado fans to share their favorite guacamole recipe and tag it with #CAGuacOff on Instagram or Twitter
- Prompts shoppers to look for California on the label
- Provides instructions concerning how to [ripen a California avocado](#).

The Commission also will promote Cinco de Mayo recipes and California avocado availability to more than 220,000 consumer recipe e-newsletter subscribers.



The Cinco de Mayo landing page was designed to drive interest in California avocado recipes, thus increasing consumer awareness and consumption of California avocados.

## Sandwich-themed Recipe Booklet Provides Menu Inspiration and Information for Consumers



California Fresh Sandwiches  
Recipe Booklet.

The California Avocado Commission (CAC) has released a new sandwich-themed recipe booklet for retailers who merchandise the fruit. The booklet features 16 California avocado sandwich recipes, shares nutrition information and compares avocados to other sandwich toppers. The recipes were developed by consumer contest recipe winners, recipe developers, dietitians and even a California avocado grower — the booklet features the Axell family *California Avocado Grilled Cheese Sandwich* on its cover.

The booklet dovetails nicely with the Commission’s “Distinctly Californian” consumer ad campaign and calls out the fact that many restaurants serve “California” sandwiches that are labeled as such because they feature California avocados. The booklets were released in early April and will be used by retailers to help merchandise California avocados throughout the season.

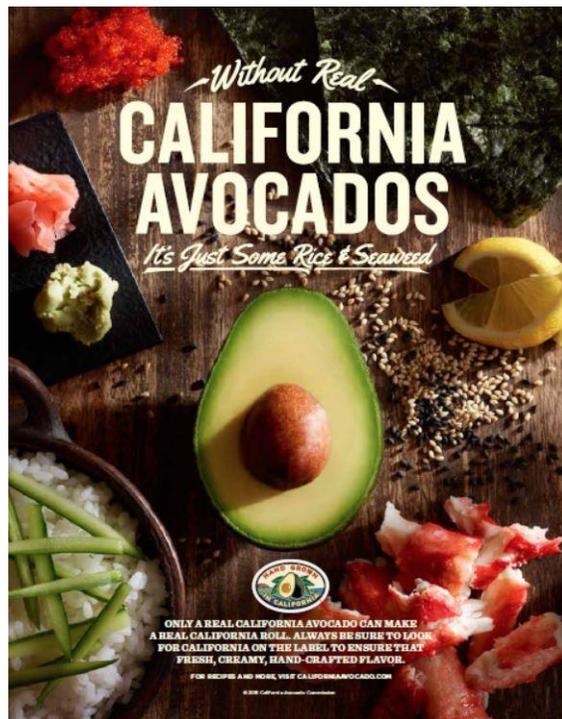
## New Consumer Campaign is “Distinctly Californian”

On March 30, the California Avocado Commission (CAC) launched its “Distinctly Californian” 2015 consumer advertising campaign. The campaign is a clever blend of classic California dishes and taglines reminding consumers to always check the label for the fruit’s origin and to choose California avocados while they are in season.

The advertising campaign will run from April through early August in California markets; from April through the 4<sup>th</sup> of July in Portland; and from May through the 4<sup>th</sup> of July in Denver, Phoenix, Salt Lake City and Seattle. The “Distinctly Californian” campaign media includes:

- Full-page ads in epicurean publications, including Bon Appetit, Food & Wine, Food Network Magazine and Saveur
- Full-page regional print ads in Sunset Magazine
- General market and in-store radio (in all CAC ad markets)
- Digital ads (in all CAC ad markets)
- Outdoor Billboards (in CAC ad markets)
- Unique wallsapes in Los Angeles and San Francisco
- Bus shelter ads in Los Angeles and transit ads in San Francisco BART stations
- A complete wrap of a San Diego trolley

With more than 800 million impressions expected, the campaign will be a key means of reinforcing the premium positioning of California avocados and encouraging consumers to check the label and purchase the fresh fruit during its limited season.



*Full-page print ads featuring classic California dishes encourage consumers to check the label of their fruit for point of origin.*

## Commission's 2015 Artisan Chef Program in Full Swing

The California Avocado Commission's (CAC) Artisan Chef Program fosters important partnerships that help raise awareness of California avocados by showcasing the versatility of the fruit. The Commission's chef partners develop innovative recipes using California avocados and then share with their fans via press releases, social media and live events.

This year, the Commission celebrated the launch of the California avocado season with a press release featuring two avocado toast recipes created by Chef Jessica Koslow (Sqirl, Los Angeles) and Chef Maxine Sui (Plow, San Francisco). To provide chefs with a behind-the-scenes look at the hand grown cultivation of the fruit, the Commission will host a California Avocado Grove Tour that includes a variety of California avocado-centric meals from local chefs such as Chad Mandel (Villa Westlake) and Crystal DeLongpre (Bacon and Brine).

In June, the Commission will celebrate California Avocado Month by distributing a press release announcing two innovative California avocado sandwich recipes created by chef partner Trey Foshee (George's at the Cove, San Diego). Later in the season, CAC staff will attend the inaugural food blogger conference, Indulge Food Conference, held in Portland, Oregon. Chef partner Carlo LaMagna (Clyde Common) will create a four-course meal showcasing California avocados for the attendees.

Finally, the Commission again will participate in the FitBlogger Conference — an event catering to fitness and wellness bloggers. The select group of attendees will enjoy a healthy, delicious avocado-centric lunch created by Chef Jennifer Jasinski (Euclid Hall).



*Artisan Chef partner Trey Foshee (George's at the Cove) created two innovative sandwich recipes featuring California avocados.*

## Three Western U.S. Foodservice Chains Feature California Avocado Dishes

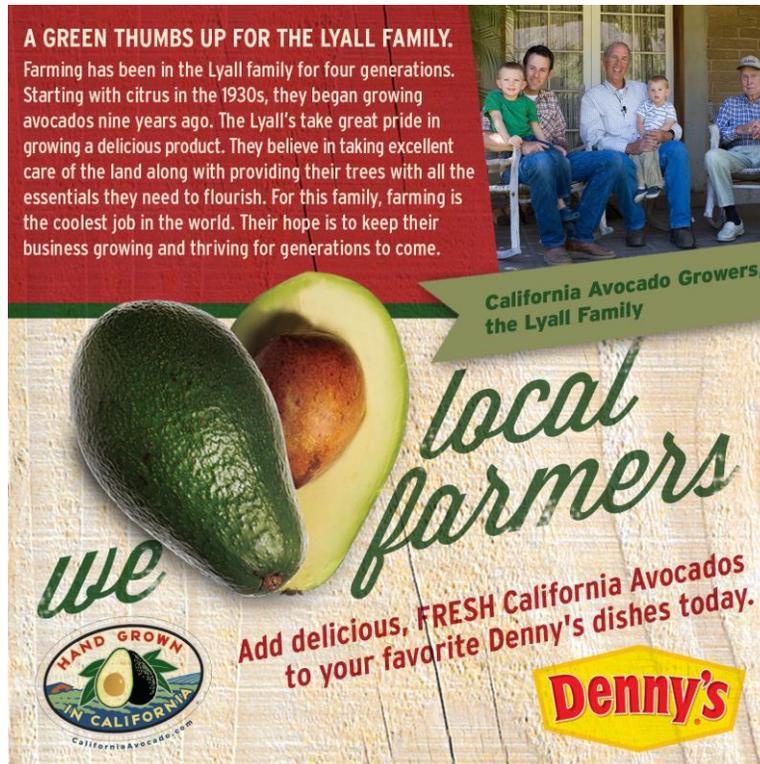
Three major western foodservice chains — Baja Fresh, Denny's and La Salsa — have celebrated the start of the 2015 California avocado season by launching limited time offers (LTOs) featuring the fruit. The LTOs, which will run through most of August, will provide additional exposure for California avocados during the peak season using a variety of merchandising tools such as menus, signage, coupons and social media.

Irvine-based Baja Fresh's popular "Catch 2 or 3" promotion will feature three different seafood tacos topped with slices of fresh California avocados from May 1 – August 31. The *Hand Grown in California* logo will be featured on the menu board of 175 units, as well as door and window clings, register inserts and a newspaper free standing insert (FSI).

From April 15 – August 15, Denny's locations (412 in California and 65 in Arizona) will encourage diners to add fresh California avocados to any menu item and then photograph their meal and share it on Twitter, Instagram or Facebook

using #MyDennysAvocado Sweeps. Each month, winners will be drawn from the pool of diners sharing their photos and receive a prize package worth \$100 from the Commission. As part of the campaign, the *Hand Grown in California* logo will be featured prominently on a table tent showcasing a photo of the western chain's most popular sandwich — Denny's *Chicken Avocado Sandwich*. Mini bios of four California avocado grower families — the Stehlys, Lyalls, Coys and Steeds — also will be featured on the California Denny's Facebook page. Finally, Facebook geo-targeting will be utilized to notify Denny's fans of the fresh California avocado promotion and provide them with 10 percent-off coupons at participating Denny's.

Beginning May 1, the 40-unit La Salsa chain will launch its "Taste of Cabo San Lucas" promotion showcasing three shrimp and California avocado menu items — *Los Cabos Shrimp Salad*, *Los Cabos Shrimp Burritos* and *Los Cabos Shrimp Fajitas*. Throughout the campaign, which ends August 31, the *Hand Grown in California* logo will be featured on the menu board, window clings, stanchion signs, register inserts and FSIs.



The California Denny's Facebook page will share four California avocado grower mini-bios.

## CAC Networks with Northern California Retailers

The California Avocado Commission (CAC) strengthened its position as a category leader and go-to resource for avocado information with its recent participation at the Fresh Produce & Floral Council (FPFC) NorCal Expo. The April 8 event was held at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton, California with nearly 1,200 northern California retailers and foodservice operators in attendance.

The CAC merchandising team shared information about the 2015 California avocado crop, the Commission's marketing programs and custom promotional opportunities for retailers. California avocado growers Dan and Susan Pinkerton also were on hand to answer questions about the premium fruit.

CAC staff connected with key northern California retailers including Scot Olson and Don Murphy, Grocery Outlet; Chris Vasconcellos, Lucky Supermarkets; Tom Wheeler, Mollie Stone's; Greg Corrigan, Michael Schutt and Jon Holder, Raley's; Scott Bradley, Safeway Corporate; Jim Corby, David Dudley and Ed Corvelo, Save Mart; and Jim Winter, Unified Grocers. By

exhibiting at the show, the Commission demonstrated the benefits of promoting California avocados throughout the season to retailers in one of its key advertised markets.



David Cruz (CAC marketing development manager), David Dudley (Save Mart), growers Dan and Susan Pinkerton, Jim Corby (Save Mart) and Connie Stukenberg (CAC retail marketing director).

## California Market Trends

To view all market trend graphs, including “Weekly Volume Summary,” “Weekly Avocado Prices” and “U.S. Avocado Supply,” please visit: <http://www.californiaavocadogrowers.com/industry/market-statistics>.

California Avocado Commission Weekly Volume Summary (pounds)			
	Week Ending 4/26/2015	Season-to-Date (since 11/1/14)	2015 Year to Date
Hass	13,190,327	114,652,853	114,525,206
Lamb	0	1,943	1,943
Other (Greens)	46,082	1,229,923	1,139,479
<b>California Total</b>	<b>13,236,409</b>	<b>115,884,718</b>	<b>115,666,628</b>
Florida	0	12,377,640	4,017,200
Chile	94,815	12,460,922	7,704,809
Mexico	32,913,100	825,931,589	582,164,903
Other (Imports)	0	27,470,000	15,540,000
<b>Import Total</b>	<b>33,007,915</b>	<b>865,862,511</b>	<b>605,409,712</b>
<b>USA Total</b>	<b>46,244,324</b>	<b>994,124,869</b>	<b>725,093,540</b>
Source(s):	California = CAC (AMRIC)		
	Florida = Florida Avocado Admin Committee		
	Chile = Comite de Paltas, Chile		
	Mexico = APEAM		
	Other Imports = USDA AMS website		

**California Avocado Society Weekly Newslines\* Avocado Prices  
4/27/2015**

	FOB Price	Field Price	Retail Price	Last Year FOB
<b>California Hass</b>	(25# carton)	(per pound)	(per each)	(25# carton)
#2's	11.00-28.00	0.27-0.92		13.00-33.00
32's-36's	37.00-38.00	1.28-1.32		36.00-37.00
40's	37.00-38.00	1.28-1.32	5/6.99-1.99	36.00-37.00
48's	36.00-38.00	1.24-1.32	1.49	37.00-39.00
60's	27.00-29.00	0.92-1.00	0.99-1.25	30.00-33.00
70's	22.00-23.00	0.68-0.72		24.00-26.00
84's	15.00-16.00	0.45-0.50	4/1.69-6/3.99	18.00-20.00
<b>Mexican Hass</b>				
All Sizes	15.00-36.00	N/A	0.69-2/3.00	20.00-37.00
<b>Chilean Hass</b>				
All Sizes	N/A	N/A		16.00-32.00
<b>Peruvian Hass</b>				
All Sizes	N/A	N/A		

\*To subscribe to the Weekly Newslines, please contact the California Avocado Society at (951) 225-9102 or [www.CaliforniaAvocadoSociety.org](http://www.CaliforniaAvocadoSociety.org).

**Weather: 30-Day Outlook For California's Coastal & Valley Areas**

Synopsis - There are two main patterns that are influencing California weather. The first is sea surface temperature anomalies which support troughing at 140-145W and the Great Basin and southern Rockies, and the second is the current *El Niño* pattern which supports troughing in the Great Basin and southern Rockies and severe weather into the southern Great Plains.

It now appears that as we transition into a weaker southern storm track, upper or cut off lows will occur more frequently.

Onshore flow returns on the 29th and 30th in northern California followed by a strong offshore flow event on May 1 and 2. In southern California there will be coastal eddy conditions developing on May 2 and 3 as an upper low develops.

**In the Near-Term - Southern California Avocado Area – April 29 to May 13...** Low clouds and some drizzle are possible about April 30 through May 4, while northern California has an offshore flow event for part of that period (May 1-2). Fair warm and dry conditions will occur during May 3 to 5 but with re-establishment of the usual pattern of marine low clouds in nights and mornings, continuing through the 12th.

**Summary – May 14 to 22 ...** Warmer than normal sea surface temperatures near the coast of California and *El Niño* forcing will continue to support the alternation between high pressure near the coast and westerly flow from the Pacific. Upper lows will continue to occur in response to the southern branch of the westerlies. A little below normal rainfall is expected in southern California despite upper lows.

Southern California will slide into a more normal late spring/early summer regime of night and morning coastal low clouds with at least some sunshine in the afternoons. Temperatures, on the whole, will be about normal and consist of warmer than normal nights but there will be some cool days and a chance for some showers or drizzle at times about mid-month due to troughing.

The influence of *El Niño* should decrease in May as we transition into a quiet period before the onset of monsoonal flow. We usually see our first tropical cyclone after about May 20 off the southern coast of Mexico.

**Seasonal Outlook/*El Niño* Update – May 30 to August 30...** The main issue for the dry months from late May through August will be the lack of water from snowmelt. In late May and June, we are at risk for thunderstorms in the central Sierras induced by the cutoff lows that will move through southern California.

Even with support for troughing to the west of southern California, the net result may be a few showers alternating with gusty winds for the central coast and northern California as is normal for this time of year.

In June, July, and August, we expect warmer than normal and seasonably dry conditions. August may be wetter than normal through the Sierras due to monsoonal moisture and some upper lows.

In May, sea surface temperatures will continue to be above normal and maintain warmer than normal conditions, especially at night, even if days are cloudy and mild near the coast from coastal marine layer cloudiness. June should have normal rainfall, although temperatures will be warmer than normal. In July and August should be normal for rainfall and warmer temperatures. Late August, September and October will be interesting in regard to tropical rains caused by cutoff lows and tropical cyclone activity.

...Alan Fox, Fox Weather LLC...