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N.A.S.S. ANNOUNCEMENT AND MARKET REPORT

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To: All Friends, Customers and Forward Sales Staff

At noon today, the National Agricultural Statistics Service (N.A.S.S.) announced the September Objective Walnut Crop Forecast.

The forecast is 415,000 in-shell short tons.

Complete information is available at

[http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/California/Publications/
Fruits_and_Nuts/200909walom.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/California/Publications/Fruits_and_Nuts/200909walom.pdf)

Although the N.A.S.S. gross crop volume of 415,000 tons as estimated based on nut count and other factors is down 5% from last year's record crop of 436,000 tons, the estimate is still at the high end of earlier estimates. Comparing the past two years data, the percentage of sound nuts is down this year from last year. This is most likely due to the more severe weather this past summer. Current crop maturity is about 2 days behind last year. As we start to see the early deliveries in the next few weeks, we will provide an analysis of the actual crop quality comparisons.

Best Regards,
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