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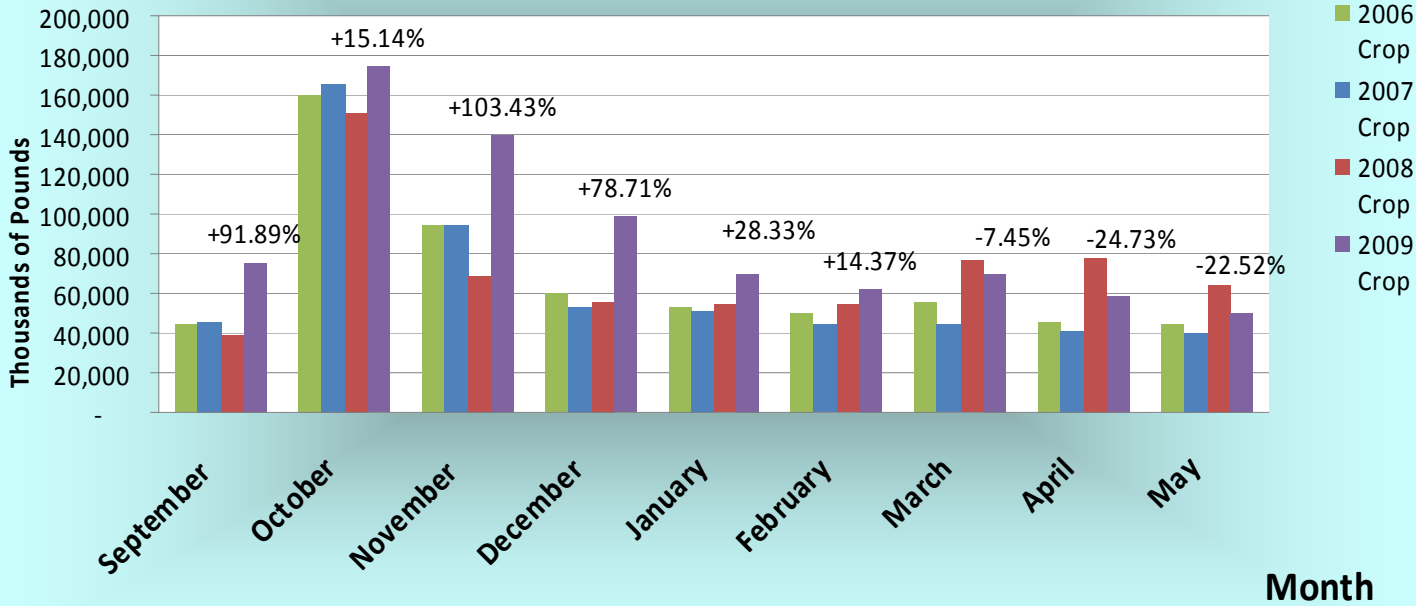
May walnut shipments as reported last Thursday by the California Walnut Board were down 22% from May of last year, but were still excellent compared to historical shipments for May.

The lower shipment volumes were anticipated due to three major market factors:

- (1) The lack of availability of Light grade material
- (2) The rapid weakening of foreign currencies of major trading partners
- (3) The pipeline was filled with earlier record shipments

Shipments for May 2009 were 32,680 tons and shipments for this past May were 25,135 tons. YTD, the industry has shipped 401,565 tons compared to 312,417 tons for the same period last year. This equates to a 28% increase in shipments above last year YTD.

Walnut Shipments by Month



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