

Walnut news



Section 3 Status for Mancozeb

After a record 20 years of section 18 (Emergency exemption), Mancozeb was finally granted Section 3 registration in July 2013 for usage on walnuts. Mancozeb was already approved to treat a variety of fungal diseases in potatoes, pears, tomatoes, cotton, cucumbers, and so on.

As per the EPA, all new pesticides (with minor exceptions) used in the United States must be registered for specific uses and specific crops. The application process often requires the submission of extensive environmental, health, and safety data. That process was finally concluded after nearly 20 years of Section 18 status which allowed only emergency use of mancozeb for treating walnut blight.

One needs to realize that the section 18 process has to be repeated year after year, season after season as the exemptions are temporary. Consequently, the walnut growers had to face uncertainty for 20 years not knowing whether the temporary exemption for mancozeb would be renewed the next year. Despite submitting overwhelming documentary evidence in support of allowing walnuts on the label, the complicated review process and finding the right sponsor (chemical company) meant we had to face an inordinate delay until now.

But thanks to the section 3 status for mancozeb, walnut growers now have a reliable option against blight. 📍



India Access a Joint Success

In July, the Ministry of Agriculture in India published notification of Schedule VI of Plant Quarantine Order 2003 allowing California walnuts to be shipped to India. Walnuts are able to enter the Indian market with special conditions under the phytosanitary protocol defined in Order 2003. The two year market access process was achieved through the combined efforts of the California Walnut Board (CWB) and California Walnut Commission (CWC). The Board evaluated the phytosanitary protocol and supported post harvest research that contributed to the review process while the Commission petitioned the Indian Ministry in working with colleagues at USDA's Animal Plant Health and Inspection Service (APHIS) and the Foreign Agriculture Service (FAS) to facilitate the process.

India should play an important role in developing the industry's future consumers. India's increasingly affluent middle class, currently estimated at 250 million, is expected to reach 400 million by 2020. Unlike other developing nations, over 30% of middle class income is spent on food and beverages. Walnuts are an ideal complement to the traditional vegetarian based diet because they contain alpha-linolenic acid/omega-3 fatty acid which is currently deficient in the Indian diet.

Although walnut consumption is currently low (0.02 lbs. per capita), with the predominance of walnuts grown in India exported, it is anticipated that California walnuts will be in high demand. Indian consumers have yet to experience the quality and taste distinctions that make California walnuts unique. Indian walnut consumers report they are eating walnuts for their health benefits. The industry's health research program, with over 100 published papers, has confirmed walnuts are beneficial for cardiovascular health which is a leading health concern in India. 📍

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CWB/CWC Election Results

CWB Members & Alternates (2013-2015)

Members	Alternates
Growers - District 1	
William D. Carriere <i>Carriere Family Farms</i>	Matthew Conant
David Keyawa <i>Keyawa Orchards, Inc.</i>	Michael Petz
Growers - District 2	
Robert Driver <i>Dry Creek Orchards</i>	Lisa Warner <i>Bret H Warner Ranch</i>
Jerry K. Moore	William Tos, Jr. <i>Tos Farms, Inc.</i>
Grower At-Large	
R. Donald Norene <i>Norene Ranches, Inc.</i>	John M. Kuster
Handlers - District 1	
Steve Zaffarano <i>Diamond Foods, Inc.</i>	Steve Lindsay <i>Diamond Foods, Inc.</i>
Jack Mariani <i>Mariani Nut Company</i>	Kevin Wagner <i>Berberian Nut Company</i>
Handlers - District 2	
Mike Poindexter <i>Poindexter Nut Co., Inc.</i>	R. L. "Pete" Turner
Frank Guerra <i>Guerra Nut Shelling</i>	Bruce Beard <i>Quality Nut Company</i>
Public Members	
Jerome B. Siebert, Ph.D.	Lynn Morgan

CWC Members & Alternates (2013-2015)

Members	Alternates
Producers - District 1	
R. Donald Norene <i>Norene Ranches, Inc.</i>	John J. "Jack" Gilbert
Todd Ramos <i>Ramos Farms</i>	Vacant
David Keyawa <i>Keyawa Orchards, Inc.</i>	Robert Lea
Pat Mecklenburg <i>Derby Orchards</i>	Carl A. Cilker <i>Cilker Orchards</i>
Producers - District 2	
Robert L. Driver <i>Dry Creek Orchards</i>	Antanacio "Nacho" Martin, Jr.
Jeb Headrick <i>Jeb Headrick Farming</i>	Bert A. Crane <i>Bert Crane Orchards L.P.</i>
Ray Perez <i>Perez Farms</i>	Jonathan "Jody" Graves <i>Jonathan Graves Management</i>
Jerry K. Moore	Vacant
Handlers:	
Charles R. Crain, Jr. <i>Crain Walnut Shelling</i>	William Crain <i>C. R. Crain & Sons</i>
Kevin Wagner <i>Berberian Nut Company</i>	William D. Carriere <i>Carriere Family Farms</i>
William Tos, Jr. <i>Tos Farms, Inc.</i>	Steve Zaffarano <i>Diamond Foods, Inc.</i>
Martin Mariani <i>Mariani Nut Company</i>	Jack Mariani <i>Mariani Nut Company</i>
Public Members:	
Jerome B. Siebert, Ph.D.	Lynn Morgan

Distinguished Service Award for INC

The California Walnut Board has recognized INC as the recipient of the 2013 Distinguished Service Award, the California walnut industry's most prestigious award. The ceremony took place in Sacramento on September 12, with the presence of the INC Executive Committee.

INC has been awarded in recognition of its role as the industry's global forum for discussion among producers, importers and marketers of nuts and dried fruit, and its influence in the direction of international governing bodies in the areas of food safety and trade quality standards.

The California walnut industry applauds INC's communications efforts in expanding the awareness and image of the



Left to right – Pinot Calcagni, Jack Mariani, Giles Hacking, Goretti Gausch, Antonio Pont

represented industries enhancing their position with the worldwide customer base for nuts and dried fruit, and acknowledges the leadership which has been provided by the INC in the promotion of nuts and dried fruit internationally.

The Distinguished Service Award was established in September 1989 by the CWB to honor significant contributions to the California walnut industry. 📄



ONE INDUSTRY WORKING TOGETHER TO BUILD DEMAND WORLDWIDE

California Walnuts: *An Industry Working Together*

This is a great time to be a California walnut grower. Today, growers and handlers are investing in their future by planting trees, adding new technology, funding research, training employees, and educating consumers. *Why?*

Demand is outpacing supply, production is growing and farm gate revenue is up. New markets are opening, new varieties are thriving, and new appreciation for the health benefits of walnuts is taking root after 20 years of investing in smart health research.

However, there's still room to grow in the U.S. and we're just getting started in China and India. Competition is ever-present and ever-increasing and other countries are seeking to capitalize on the growing demand for walnuts, so there's more hard work ahead. But so far all that hard work seems to add up to one thing: It's working.

Learn more about what combined efforts of growers, handlers, and the California Walnut Board and California Walnut Commission have achieved for the Industry.

We will be exhibiting and/or presenting at the following events:

Friday, January 10, 2014

West Coast Nut Grower Guide Walnut Show, Yuba Sutter Fairgrounds

Tuesday-Friday, February 4-7, 2014

Colusa Farm Show, Colusa, CA – **Pending space available*

Tuesday-Thursday, February 11-13, 2014

World Ag Expo, Tulare, CA

Industry Meeting



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2014

California Walnut Board and California Walnut Commission Annual Winter Meeting

Silverado Resort & Spa
1600 Atlas Peak Road, Napa, CA

For more information, please contact Dana at: 916.932.7070

2014 UC Extension Service Meeting Schedule



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Tri-County Walnut Day

Visalia Holiday Inn
9000 W. Airport Drive, Visalia, CA

For more information, Contact: Elizabeth Fitchner
530.684.3310 | ejfitchner@ucanr.edu

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Tehama Co. Walnut Day

Red Bluff Elks Lodge
355 Gilmore Road, Red Bluff, CA

For more information, Contact: Rick Buchner
530.527.3101 | rpbuchner@ucdavis.edu

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Butte/Glenn Counties Walnut Day/Almond Institute

Chico Elks Lodge
1705 Manzanita Avenue, Chico, CA

For more information, Contact: Joe Connell
530.538.7201 | jhconnell@ucdavis.edu

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Quad-County Walnut Institute

Robert Cabral Ag Center
2101 E. Earhart Avenue, Stockton, CA

For more information, Contact: Joe Grant
209.953.6100 | jgrant@ucanr.edu

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Sutter/Yuba/Colusa Walnut Day

Veterans Memorial Hall
1425 Veterans Memorial Circle, Yuba City, CA

For more information, Contact: Janine Hasey
530.822.7515 | jkhasey@ucdavis.edu

TBD

Lake County Walnut Day

Scott's Valley Women's Club
2298 Hendricks Road, Lakeport, CA

For more information, Contact: Rachel Elkins
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CWB/CWC Budgets 2013/2014

California Walnut Board Fiscal Year Budget September 1, 2013 - August 31, 2014	
Revenue	
Assessment	\$8,266,860
Block Grant Funds	\$183,240
Prior Period Reserve Funds	\$1,900,000
Total Revenue	\$10,350,100
Expenses	
Crop Estimate/Acreage Survey	\$217,000
Domestic Administration	\$1,211,500
Production & Post-Harvest Research	\$1,594,500
UCD Endowment Fund	\$500,000
Grades & Standards Activities	\$775,000
Block Grant Activity	\$370,480
Domestic Marketing Programs	\$5,328,000
Industry Communications	\$326,000
Reserve	\$27,620
Total Expenses*	\$10,350,100

*Total net expenses (less block grant funds) = \$10,166,860

California Walnut Commission Fiscal Year Budget September 1, 2013 - August 31, 2014	
Revenue	
Assessment	\$9,720,000
MAP Funds	\$5,541,271
Interest	\$20,000
Prior Period Reserve Funds	\$2,696,362
Total Revenue	\$17,977,633
Expenses	
Foreign Administration Expenses	\$647,000
Health Research	\$2,545,000
Domestic Administration	\$1,763,500
Domestic Marketing Program	\$2,692,950
Export Market Programs: CWC Funds	\$4,487,912
Export Market Programs: MAP Funds	\$5,541,271
Current Period Reserves	\$300,000
Total Expenses	\$17,977,633



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