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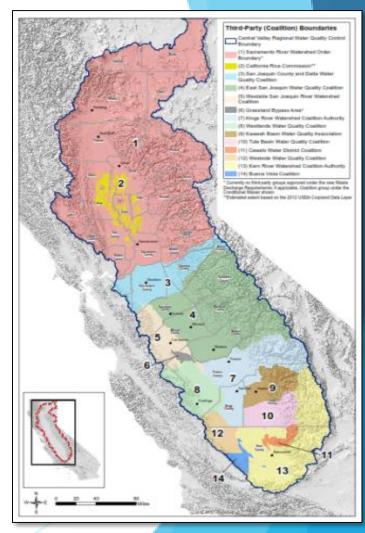


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- Sacramento Valley Water Quality Coalition
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- California Rice Commission
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  - Parry Klassen
  - Wayne Zipser
- Westlands Water Quality Coalition
  - Charlotte Gallock
- Southern San Joaquin Valley Water Quality Coalition
  - 7 new coalitions



# **Status Quo May Change**

- Current requirements still in place for all CV coalitions
- State Water Board petition process may force changes but no sooner than 2017-2018
- Basic message: Complete required reports and stay in compliance!
  - Still pursuing those who have not joined coalitions or filed for individual permits
  - Regional Water Board actively enforcing against non-reporters
    - Farm Evaluation, Nitrogen Summary Report, Sediment & Erosion Plan

# State Water Resources Control Board

- ESJWQC Waste Discharge Requirements adopted Dec 2012; petitioned immediately
- Orders Regional Water Board to modify WDR extensively
  - Process
    - Written Testimony
    - Public Hearings
    - State Board Hearing in early 2017
- Petition to Superior Court (if we or others don't like it)
  - Could further modify or order adoption as is
- Will apply to all Central Valley Coalition WDRs
- Go to <u>www.esjcoalition.org</u> General Order for process documents

# State Water Resources Control Board

- Draft State Board order includes mandates to
  - Monitor all domestic wells on member parcels
  - Eliminates low and high vulnerability areas: equal reporting
    - May be additional time for smaller farms
  - Requires all member information goes to Regional Water Board
    - Farm Evaluations
    - Nitrogen Management Plans
  - Creates "Irrigation and Nitrogen Management Plan"

## What Is Now Required



Member Responsibilities

- Complete Farm Evaluation\*
- Complete Nitrogen Management Plan
  - In high vulnerability groundwater area; submit Summary Report to ESJ annually
    - Certified by 3<sup>rd</sup> party or grower trained and self certified
  - Low vulnerability keep on site; no certification required
- Sediment and Erosion Control Plan
  - In areas identified as high vulnerability for erosion and sediment discharge
- Participate in annual outreach events

\* Enforcement fines for non-reporting are exceeding \$30,000!

#### NITROGEN MANAGEMENT PLAN WORKSHEET

NMP Management Unit:						
1. Crop Year (Harvested):	4. APN(s):	5. Field(s) ID	Acres			
2. Member ID#						
3. Name:						
		15.				
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9. N Recommended (lbs/ac)	20. Organic Material N					
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13, ** N Removed (Ibs N/ac)	24. Available N carryover in soil;					
14. Notes:	(annualized lbs/acre)					
	25. N in Irrigation water					
	(annualized, lbs/ac)					
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#### NMP Summary Report – 2015 Crop Year

Refer to your Nitrogen Management Plan for information to complete this form\*

Year Crop Harvested (Box 1): \_\_\_\_\_

Submittal Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Member ID (Box 2): \_\_\_\_\_

Member Name (Box 3):\_\_\_\_\_

Site Location Information <sup>1</sup>	Сгор	Total Acres	Total Available N Applied pounds per acre	A/Y Total Available N / Actual Yield <sup>2</sup>	Production Unit
Management Unit	Box 6	Box 10	Box 22 + Box 25	(Box 22+25)/Box 11	Box 7

# **Reporting A/Y**

Total <u>Applied Nitrogen divided by Total Y</u>ield

- Summary template asks for A/Y to be calculated
- Divide "<u>Total Applied Nitrogen</u>" (commercial, compost, irrigation water N) by <u>Total Yield</u>
  - Total yield per management unit
  - Total N applied per management unit
- Coalition will calculate amount of N removed from A/Y that you report

# Member Outreach on A/R

(<u>Applied N divided by Removed N</u>)

Goals

- Inform members of relative performance to other like growers (Applied and Yield)
- Inform members of performance relative to UCCE recommendations for Nitrogen <u>Applied</u> and Nitrogen <u>R</u>emoved (CDFA guidelines)

# Member Outreach on NMP Summary Report

Packet of information to be mailed/emailed to members by your coalition *Contents:* 

- Reporting Component
  - Summary of reported data (A/Y) and when possible, A/R
  - Comparison to other growers with same crop
- Education Component
  - Information on nitrogen crop consumption curves (where available)
  - Applications and yield UCCE recommendations

# Nitrogen Management Plan (NMP) Self Certification

Growers in High Vulnerability groundwater areas need either:

-- CCA (Certified Crop Advisor) sign-off of NMP or

-- Receive grower certification

Half-day course taught by CCA who has attend UC training on NMP

Your Coalition will announce training meetings this winter and spring

**Read Watershed Coalition News** For more Information on ILRP

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response to the petitions in the form of a revised WDR with major proposed changes that the coalitions, farm groups and even the Central Valley Regional Water Board (Regional Water Board) are unhappy with.

The State Water Board acts as the appellate for any challenge brought against a regulation adopted by a Regional Water Board. Historically, the State Water Board rulinces range from minor changes to substantial re-writes [as is the case with the ESJWQC WDR1. A revised WDR then ages through a public process where written comments and public workshops lead to new revised version. That revised version ages out for final written comments and then before the State Water Board for public hearings. Should any of the original petitioners [or the ESJWQC1 be unhappy with the outcome, they can then appeal the revised Order to a Superior Court.

As of November, the revised ESJWQC WDR was working its way through the final rewrite process. The State Water Board is expected to hold a public hearing on a final revised version in early 2017.

water standard, the member or coalition must provide notice to the Regional Water Board within 24 hours. Test results must also be included in a coalition's monitoring report. All members, regardless of groundwater vulnerability designation, must prepare an Irrigation and Nitrogen Management Plan and have it certified by professional (Certified Crop

affecting all Irrigated Lands Regulatory Programs

in California including the WDRs adopted for the

Requiring all coalition members to monitor

domestic wells on their parcels that serve

residences, shops or other facilities. When

a domestic well exceeds the nitrate drinkina

chanaes include:

other Central Valley coalitions. The major proposed

Advisor/CCA. aaronomist. etc.), or complete a self-certification course. All members must also submit a Nitrogen Summary Report to their coalition as well as the Regional Water Board.

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### Nitrogen Management in Almonds

#### **Patrick H. Brown** Professor Department of Plant Sciences University of California, Davis



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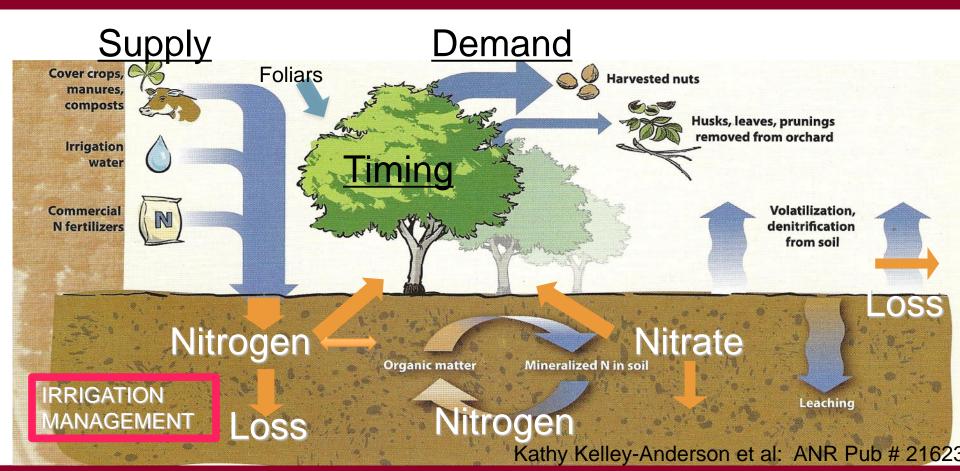
### Ideal Nitrogen Management Approach -the 3 R's of Nitrogen-

Apply the Right Rate

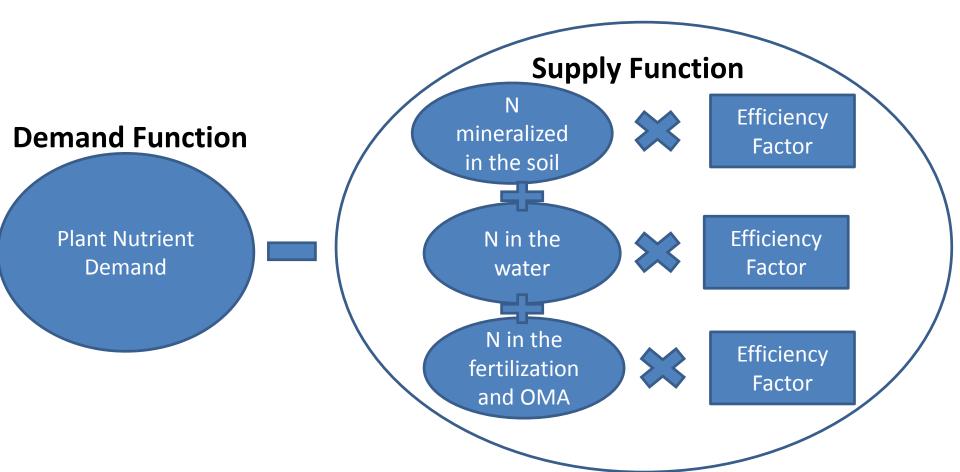
– MATCH THE SUPPLY OF N TO THE DEMAND FOR N.

- Apply at Right Time
  - TIME APPLICATIONS TO COINCIDE WITH PLANT UPTAKE.
- In the Right Place
  - KEEP N IN THE ACTIVE ROOTZONE AND DELIVER N UNIFORMLY/PRECISELY ACROSS ORCHARD.

# The Nitrogen Cycle: A Balancing Act.

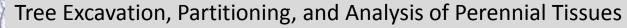


### **The Right Rate Equation**



# **Determining Nitrogen Demand in Trees**

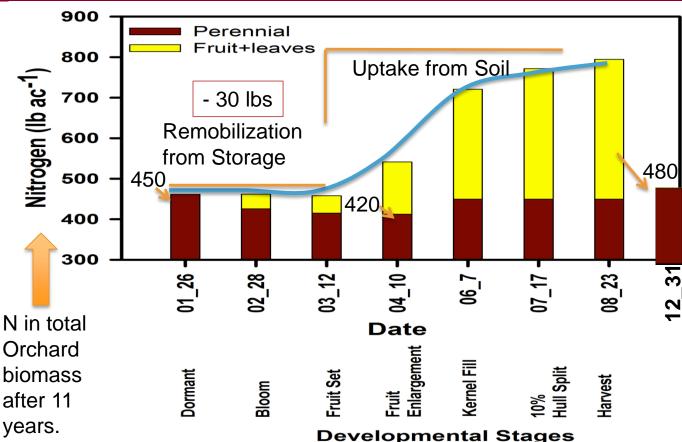
Collection, Separation and Analysis of Annual Tissues







### Total and Annual Dynamics of N in Mature Almond (data from 11-12 year old trees)



From dormancy to mid-March there is very little N uptake.

Uptake commences at midleaf out and is essentially complete by hull split.

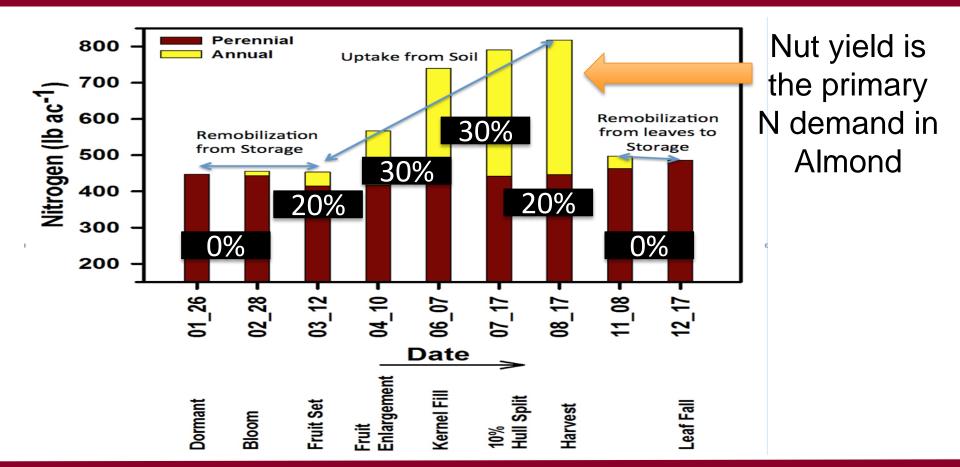
#### Perennial Organ N:

In 11 year old tree - 420 lbs N acre in total orchard biomass (5-45 lbs N/Yr/Acre in years 1-12)

30 lbs of N is remobilized in Feb-Mar to feed flowers, leaves and fruit set.

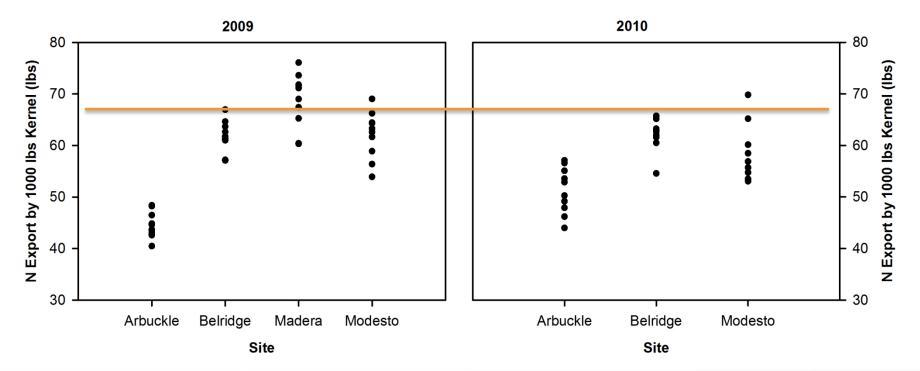
30lbs N accumulated in new perennial growth (5-35 lbs N/Yr/Acre from year 8-20).

# **Right Rate and Timing**

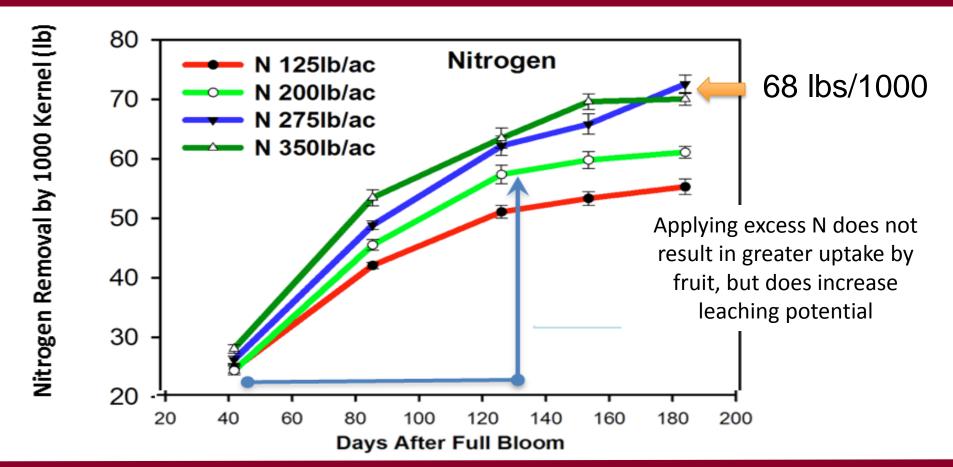


## **Nitrogen Export in Almond Fruit**

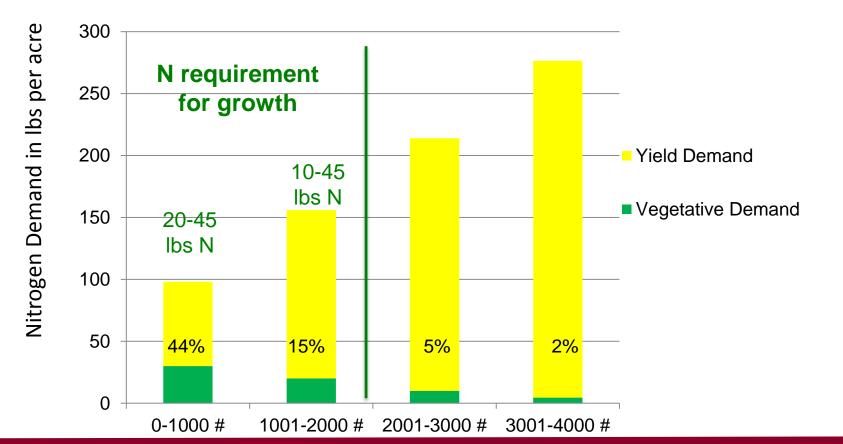
# 68 lbs per 1000 lb yield (includes N in fruit and kernels and trash).



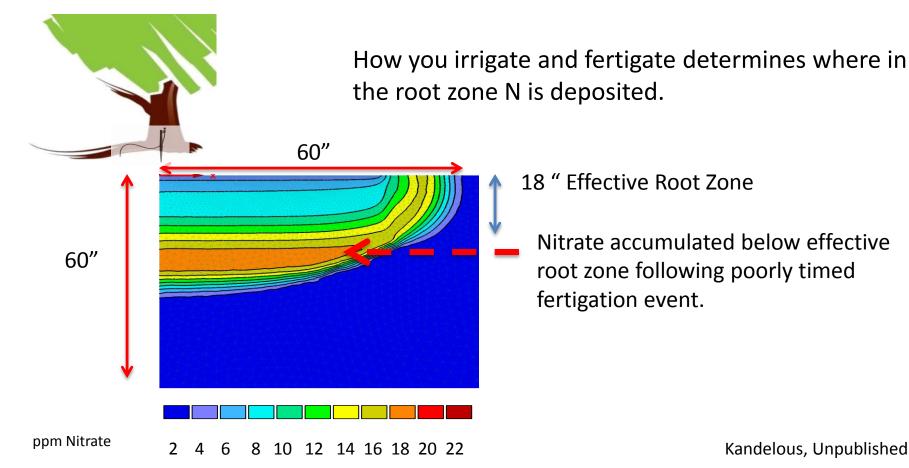
# **Right Rate and Timing: Almonds**



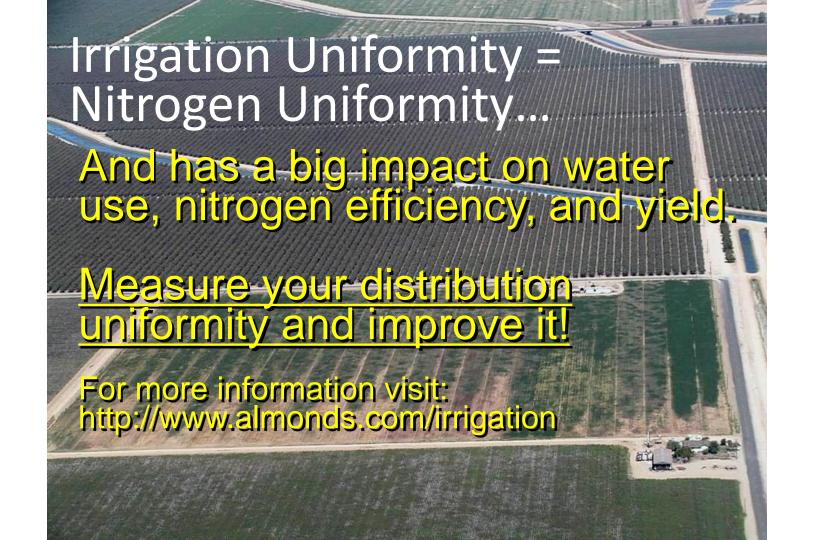
### If Yields are >2000 lbs then Nitrogen for Tree Growth is Included in the 68 per 1000 Allocation.



**Right Place: Impact of Fertigation Timing on Nitrate Uptake by the Tree** Bad Example: N injected in first 3 hours of 12 hour irrigation.



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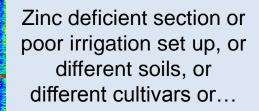


Right Place: Fields vary in their productivity due to soils, poor irrigation design, other deficiencies or other production constraints.

How do you choose an N rate when fields are non-uniform and cultivars are yielding differently? Nitrogen efficiency will require more fertigation technology: In-season spoon feeding; cultivar specific and site specific scheduling; fertigation systems that minimize N leaching.

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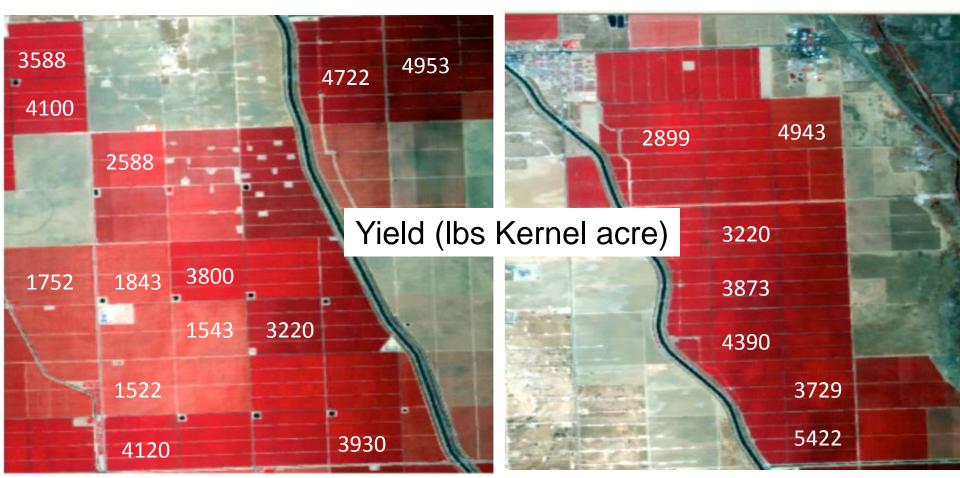
# Optimizing N use efficiency requires Optimal Management of all Inputs: e.g. Zinc deficiency can limit crop response to N







### **Right Place: Different Fields have Different Demands**



## If all Fields Receive Same Fertilization: Nitrogen Use Efficiency will Differ Dramatically

>100%

85%

>100%

%

0%

 Fertilize to meet realistic yield expectations

>100% >100%

80%

100%

40%

60%

40%

35%

100%

80 .

- Apply from March to August to coincide with maximum uptake
  - Manage fertigation to keep N in active root zone
- Manage in-field variability

100%

### Plant Tissue Testing: A useful tool but NO LONGER your main tool.





 Table 26.2
 Critical nutrient levels (dry-weight basis) in almond leaves sampled in July.

Nitrogen (N)		2.0%
Deficient below	DIC	
Adequate	ALMOND	2.2-2.5%
Phosphorus (P)	PRODUCTION MANUAL	0.4.0.70/
Adequate		0.1-0.3%
Potassium (K)		
Deficient below		1.0%
Adequate over		1.4%
Calcium (Ca)		
Adequate over		2.0%
Magnesium (Mg)		
Adequate over	And the loss of th	0.25%
Sodium (Na)		
Excessive over		0.25%
Chlorine (Cl)		
Excessive over		0.3%
Boron (B)*		
Deficient below		30 ppm
Adequate		30-65 ppm
Excessive over		300 ppm
Copper (Cu)		4 ppm
Adequate over		. pp
Manganese (Mn)		20 ppm
Adequate over		20 ppm
Zinc (Zn)		15 ppm
Deficient below		15 ppm

\*Critical values for boron deficiency and toxicity are currently being revised. Hull boron >300 ppm is excessive. Leaf sampling is not effective to determine excess boron.

# **Sampling Criteria: Almond** (repeated in every orchard or orchard zone that you wish to manage)

- Collect leaves/leaflets from non-fruiting shoots from 18 to 28 trees in one bag per management zone.
- Each tree sampled at least 30 yards apart.
- ➢ In each tree collect leaves around the canopy from at least 20 well exposed leaves/leaflets located between 5-7 feet from the ground.
- ▶ In April/May, collect samples at 35-45 days after full bloom.
  - Submit to a lab that uses UCD-ESP/ Almond board CASP program
- ➢ In July, collect samples using same method as April
  - Use crop production manuals to interpret July samples.

## Managing N in Almond, Pistachio, and Walnut:

- Develop pre-season N fertilizer plan on expected yield LESS N in irrigation, soil residual N, and other inputs.
  - 1000 lbs almond kernel removes 68lb N
  - Add 15-40 lbs. N for developing orchards or vigorous trees with current season yield <2000 kernel lb.</li>
- Conduct a leaf analysis following full leaf out.
- In April-May, review leaf analysis results and updated yield estimate, then adjust fertilization for remainder of season.
- Fertilize between March and Hull-Split in as many split applications as possible
- Manage fertigation to keep N in root zone Manage variability.
- Take leaf sample in July, reassess yield, adjust final fertilization.

## Every field, every year, is a unique decision

Cliff Ohmart, SureHarvest



California Almond Sustainability Program – Nitrogen Management Calculator

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http://www.sustainablealmondgrowing.org



Illustrations courtesy of D. Geisseler; CDFA Fertilizer and Research Education Program (FREP) for Almond Nitrogen Fertilization Guidelines





## Advantages for Using CASP Nitrogen Management Calculator

- Calculate fertilization rates based on UC nitrogen management research
  - 4 Rs of nutrient management (Right source, rate, timing & location)
  - Based on crop demand
  - Results in efficient fertilizer use
- Library of fertilizers in pull down menus for easy rate calculations
- Calculates nitrogen contributions from non-fertilizer sources
- Recalculates fertilizer rates as applications made during the season
- Can clone N budget from one orchard to another within and between years
- Generates ILRP nitrogen management report for your files at beginning and then end of season
- If user has account, data can be saved for calculations throughout the season and available for review in the future



## Data Required for Nitrogen Management Calculator

- Beginning of season:
- Crop year
- Orchard name
- Previous yield (last year, 2 years ago, 3 years ago if possible)
- Post bloom estimated kernel yield/acre
- · Estimated irrigation from ground water applied/acre
- Lab results for nitrate concentration in ground water
- If manure applied post harvest type & tons/acre (same from 2 years ago if possible)
- If compost applied type, tons/acre & %N content
- If legume cover crop quality & method of incorporation
- N carry over Lbs of N per acre available from soil test





## Data Required for Nitrogen Management Calculator – Fertilizer

## Beginning of season:

- Timing of application (4 seasonal stages of growth from UC model)
- Name of product (from pull down list)
- Rate per acre
- Application method

## End of season:

- Actual kernel yield/acre
- Actual ground water irrigation applied per acre





## Accessing N Management Calculator via CASP Home Page

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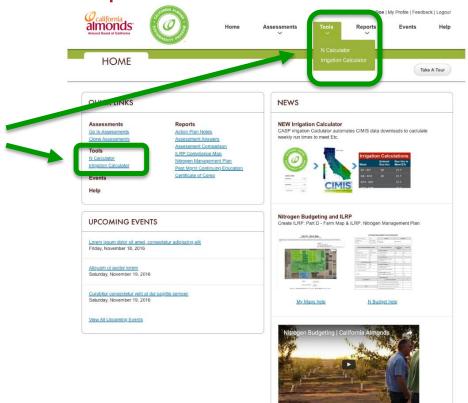


#### http://www.sustainablealmondgrowing.org

Remember Login

## Opens to User Homepage with Important Links

# Nitrogen Management





## Click on N Calculator Link to Start

## QUICK LINKS

#### Assessments

Go to Assessments Clone Assessments

#### Tools

N Calculator

Events

Help

Reports
Action Plan Notes
Assessment Answers
Assessment Comparison
ILRP Compliance Map
Nitrogen Management Plan
Pest Mgmt Continuing Education
Certificate of Comp



## Model Based on UC Davis Research

4 growth stages when fertilizers are best applied

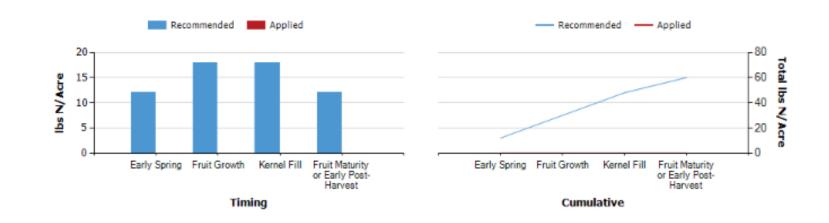


*O*california almonds

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## Fertilizer Recommended & Applied Tracked Graphically





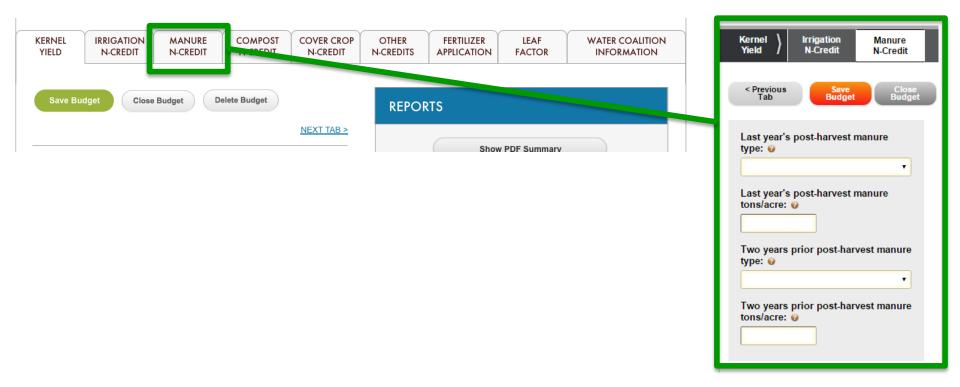


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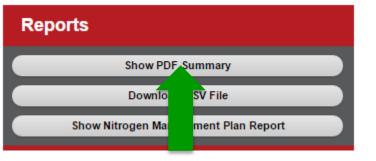


## Tabs for Working with Each Type of Nitrogen Source





## Nitrogen Management Calculator Reporting for ILRP



#### NITROGEN MANAGEMENT PLAN WORKSHEET

1. Crop Year (Harvested):	2014	4. APN(s)	5. Field(s) ID	
2. Member ID #:	MEMB ID: ABC- 123-def	123-45-678 123-45-679	Gratton Ranch	
3. Name:	Jessie A Moreno	123-45-679		
CROP NITROGEN MANAGEMENT PLANNING		N APPLICATIONS/CREDITS	15. Recommended / Planned N	
6. Crop	Almonds	17. Nitrogen Fertilizers		
7. Production Unit	Pounds (kernel)	18. Dry/Liquid (lbs/ac)	290	233
8. Projected Yield (Units/Acre)	3500	19. Foliar N (lbs/ac)	0	64
9. N Recommended (lbs/ac)	340	20. Organic Material N		
10. Acres	24	21. Available N in Manure/Compost (Ibs/ac estimate)	20	20
Post Production Actuals		22. Total N Applied (lbs per acre)	310	317
11. Actual Yield (Units/Acre)	3500	23. Nitrogen Credits (est)		
12. Total N Applied (lbs/ac)	322	24. Available N carryover in soil (annualized lbs/acre)	10	10
13. ** N Removed (lbs N/ac)		25. N in Irrigation water (annualized, Ibs/ac)	7	5
		26. Total N Credits (lbs per acre)	17	15
14. Notes:		27. Total N Applied & Available (lbs per acre)	327	268
		PLAN CERTIFICATION		
28. CERTIFIED BY:		29. CERTIFICATION METHOD		x
		30. Low Vulnerability Area, No Certification Needed		
		31. Self-Certified, approved training program attended		
DATE:		32. Self-Certified, UC or NRCS site recommendation		
		33. Nitrogen Management Plan Specialis	t	

\*\* Your Coalition will provide the method to be used to estimate N Removed.



## Nitrogen Management Calculator Reporting: Details

#### CROP NITROGEN MANAGEMENT PLANNING

6. Crop	Almonds			
7. Production Unit	Pounds (kernel)			
8. Projected Yield (Units/Acre)	2550			
9. N Recommended (lbs/ac)	248			
10. Acres	24			
Post Production Actuals				
11. Actual Yield (Units/Acre)				
12. Total N Applied (lbs/ac)				
13. ** N Removed (lbs N/ac)				
14. Notes:				

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3. Name:			Gratton Ranch	
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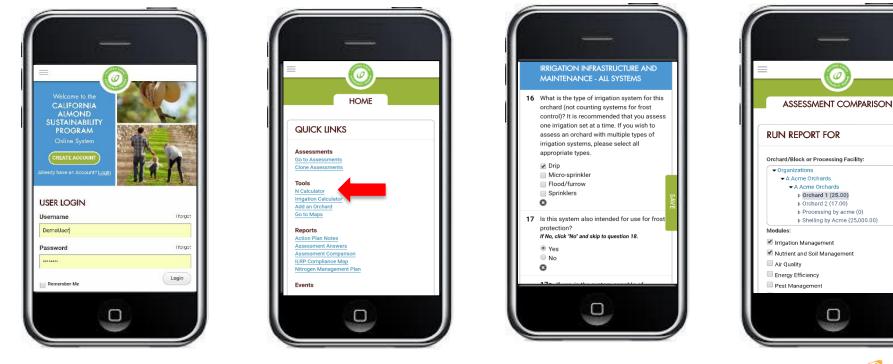
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25. N in Irrigation water (annualized, lbs/ac)	0			
26. Total N Credits (Ibs per acre)	10			
<b>27. Total N Applied &amp; Available</b> (lbs per acre)	244			



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# **Questions?**

