2020 Almond Objective Measurement Survey Results

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Survey Methodology

- Random selection of orchards based on location, variety and age

- Randomly select two trees in each selected orchard

- NEW-two count units per tree

- Random Path Method used to locate count units

- Sample of nuts taken and sent to sizing station

- Measured kernel weight, length, width, thickness and grade

2020 Almond OM Forecast
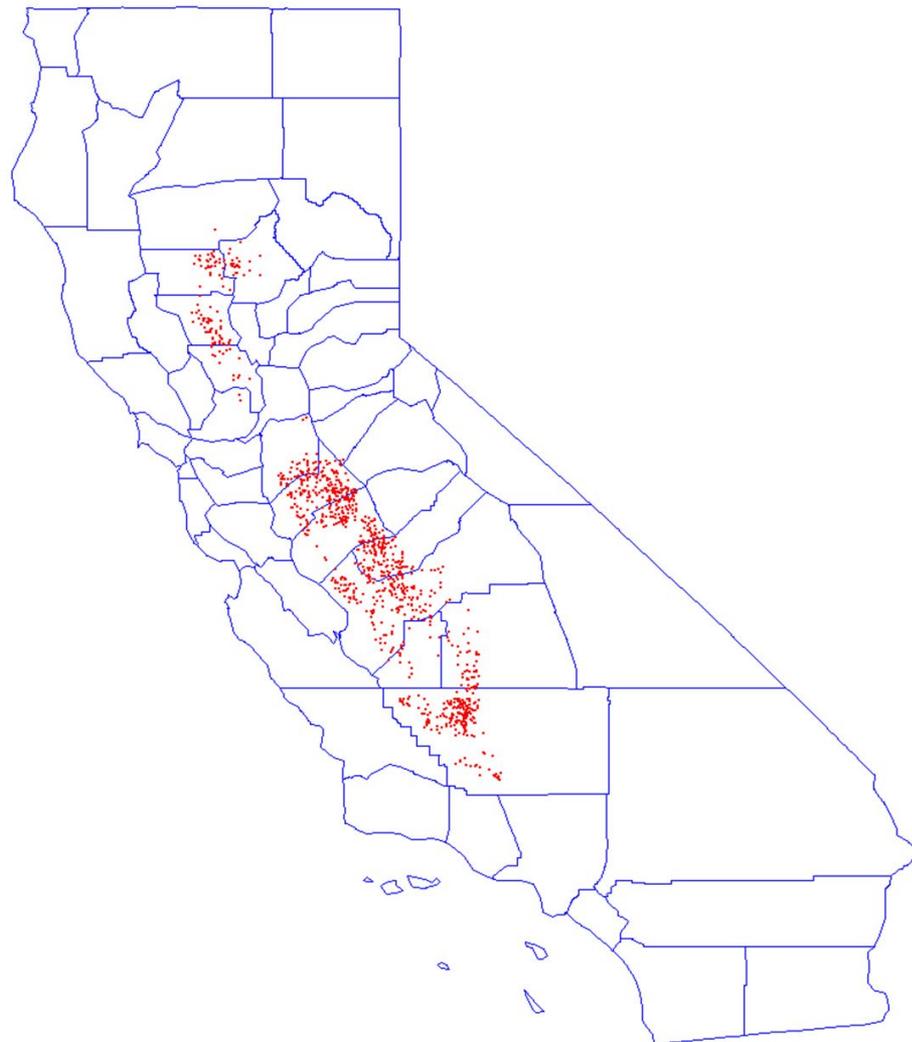
Data Collection

- Field Work: May 25 – June 26

- Use 50+ Enumerators

- Increased sample size to 1,005 orchards
  - Collected data from 900+ orchards

Thank you to the growers that let us work in their orchards.

Thank you to those that encouraged growers to participate.

2020 Almond OM Forecast

Distribution of Samples

Forecast Models

- Models are designed to produce a forecast of all almond production at the state level from the sample data.

- Models do not forecast production by variety. Separate models are run for Nonpareil since there are a significant number of samples.

- **Highlights**
  - **Production forecasted at 3.0 billion meat pounds**
  - **Up 18% from the 2019 production**
  - **1.26 million bearing acres, increase of 80,000 acres**
  - **Yield calculates to 2,380 pounds/acre, up 10% from last year**

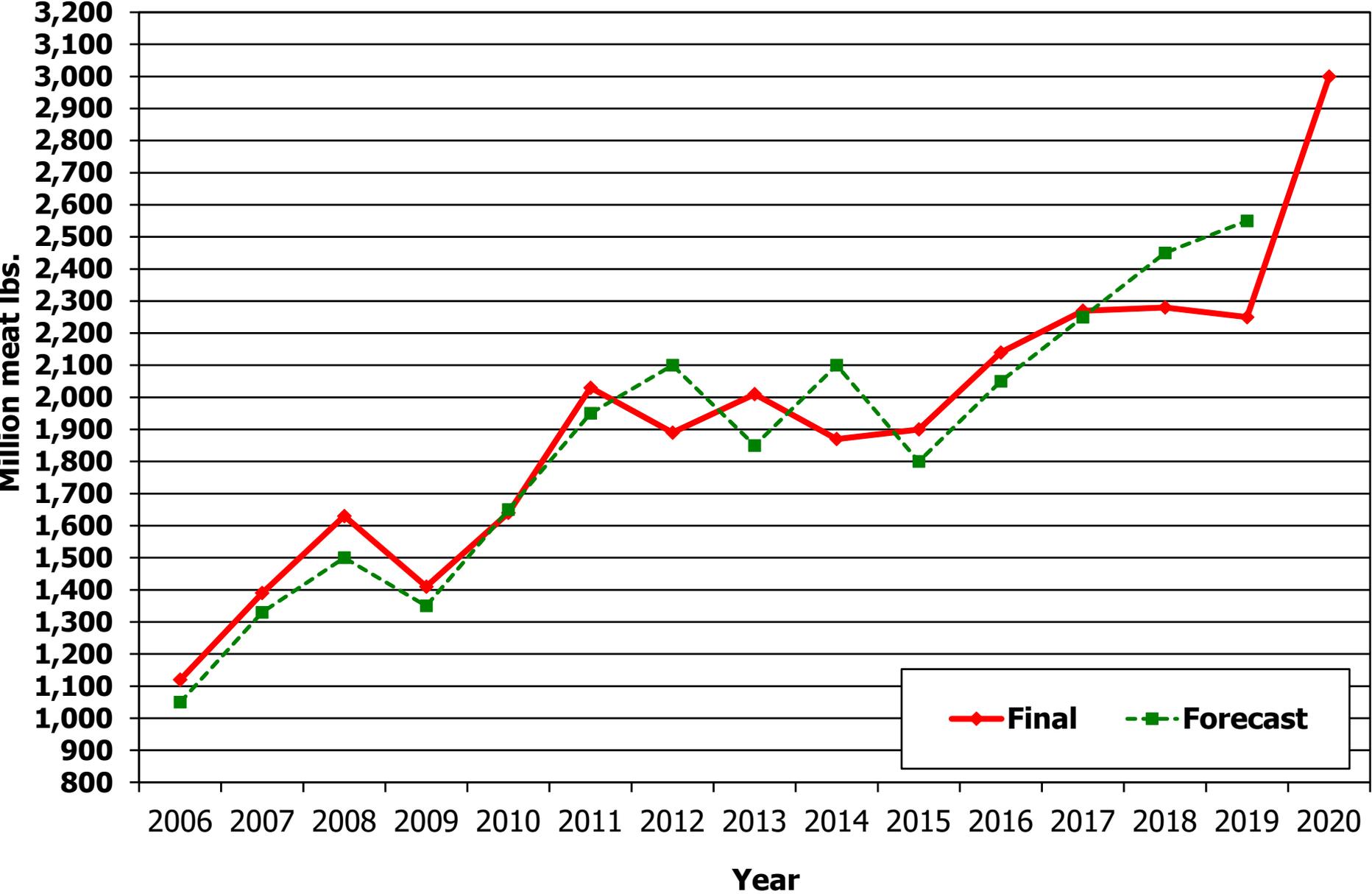# 2020 Almond OM Forecast

- **Highlights – Nonpareil Variety**
  - **Production from Nonpareil variety is forecasted at 1.3 billion meat pounds**
  - **Up 24% from the 2019 production**
  - **43% of total production**

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ALMOND PRODUCTION - CALIFORNIA
OM Forecast vs Final Estimate

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Almond Set 2018 – 2020
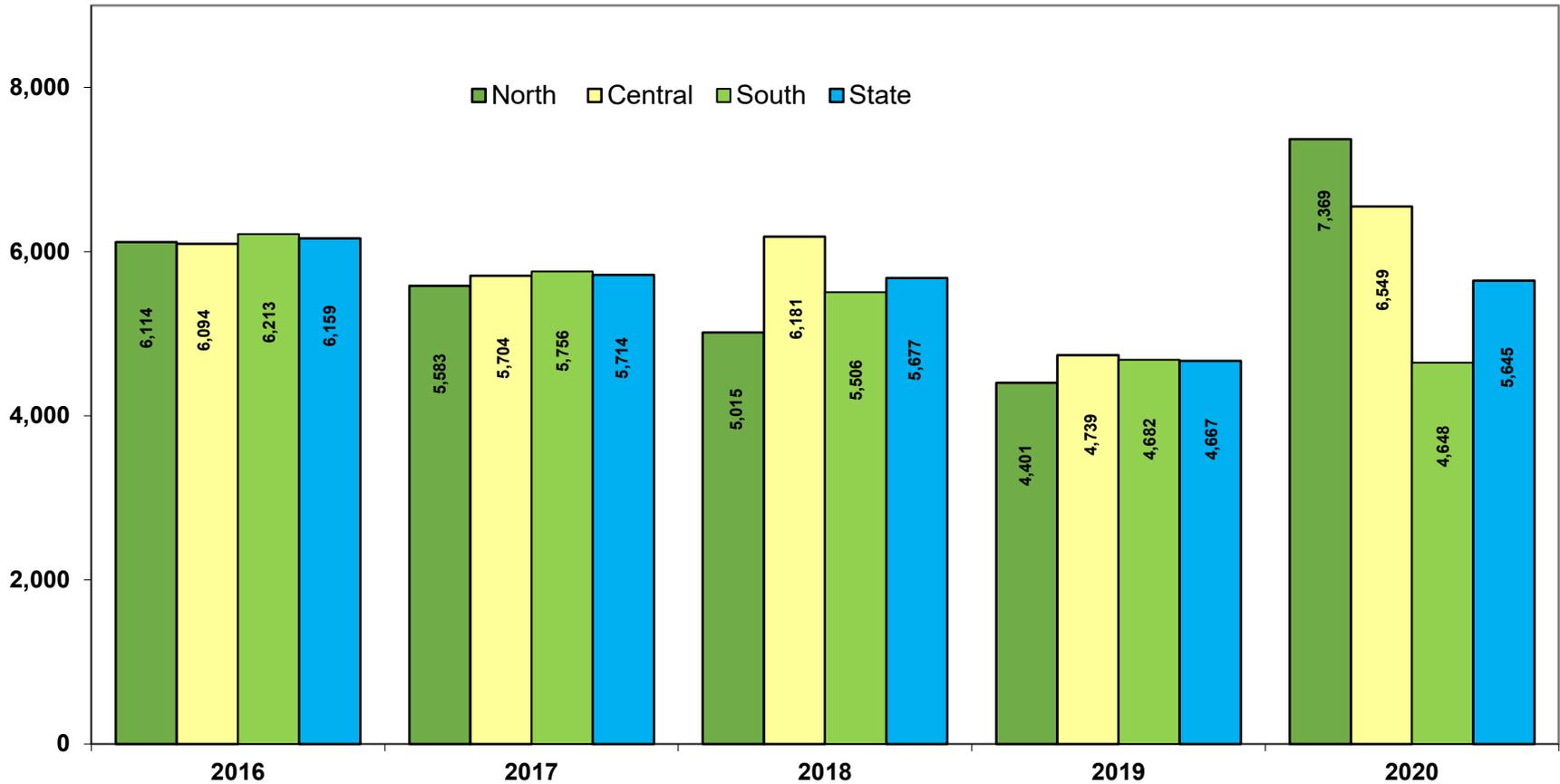### Average nuts per tree

	2018	2019	2020	% Change
California	5,667	4,667	5,645	21.0

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ALMONDS
Nuts per Tree, by Region

Legend: North, Central, South, State

Year	North	Central	South	State
2016	6,114	6,094	6,213	6,159
2017	5,583	5,704	5,756	5,714
2018	5,015	6,181	5,506	5,677
2019	4,401	4,739	4,682	4,667
2020	7,369	6,549	4,648	5,645

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Almond Set per Tree by Variety, 2017 - 2019

	2018	2019	2020	% Change
Butte	5,989	5,261	5,923	12.6
Carmel	4,762	3,718	3,948	6.2
Independence	6,353	4,865	5,797	19.2
Monterey	5,362	4,426	4,719	6.6
Nonpareil	4,924	4,429	5,621	26.9
Padre	6,732	4,928	8,137	68.5

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ALMONDS
Kernel Width, mm

Data labels: 13.35, 12.91, 12.39, 12.30, 13.10, 13.20, 12.52, 12.51, 12.11, 12.69, 12.58, 12.44, 12.83, 12.79, 12.86, 12.60
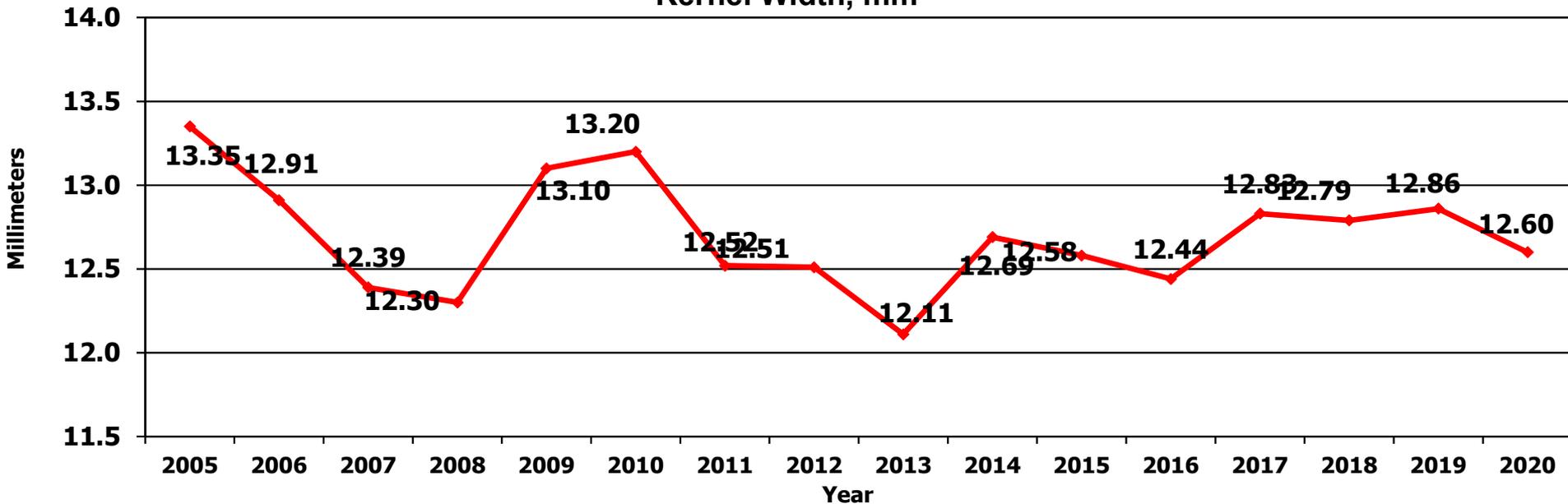
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Kernel Thickness, mm

Data labels: 10.45, 10.31, 9.96, 9.66, 9.93, 10.30, 9.92, 9.94, 9.76, 10.06, 9.89, 9.93, 10.40, 10.37, 9.93, 10.12
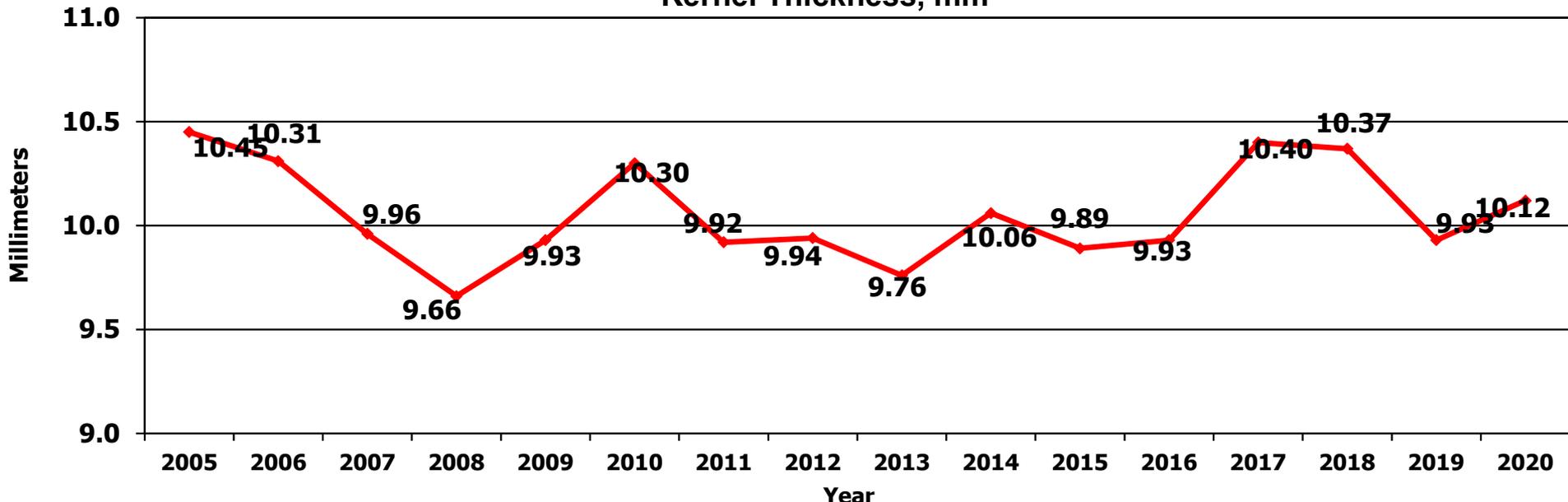
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Kernel Length, mm

Year	Millimeters
2005	23.73
2006	21.64
2007	21.81
2008	21.60
2009	22.96
2010	23.38
2011	21.84 / 21.40
2012	—
2013	21.35
2014	21.42
2015	21.43
2016	22.09
2017	22.50
2018	21.32
2019	22.89
2020	21.79
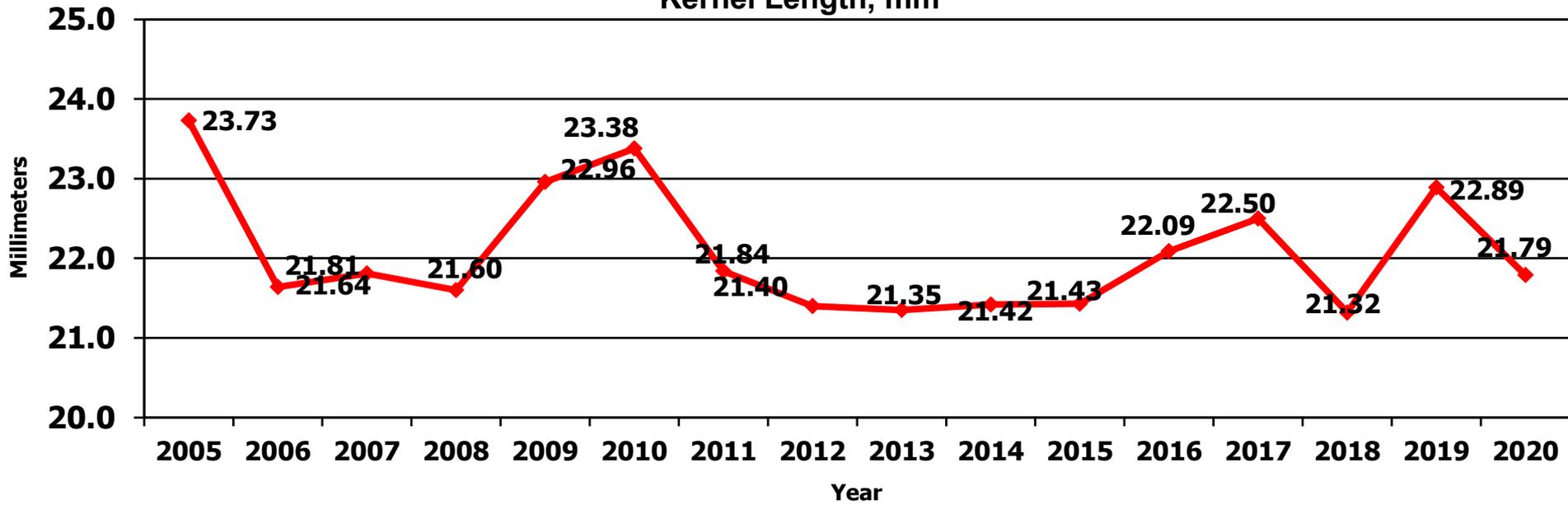
ALMONDS
Percent Sound Nuts

Year	Percent
2005	97.7
2006	97.3
2007	98.5
2008	99.0
2009	98.9
2010	98.7
2011	98.7
2012	99.1
2013	98.9
2014	98.7
2015	98.8
2016	98.8
2017	98.4
2018	98.9
2019	98.7
2020	98.5
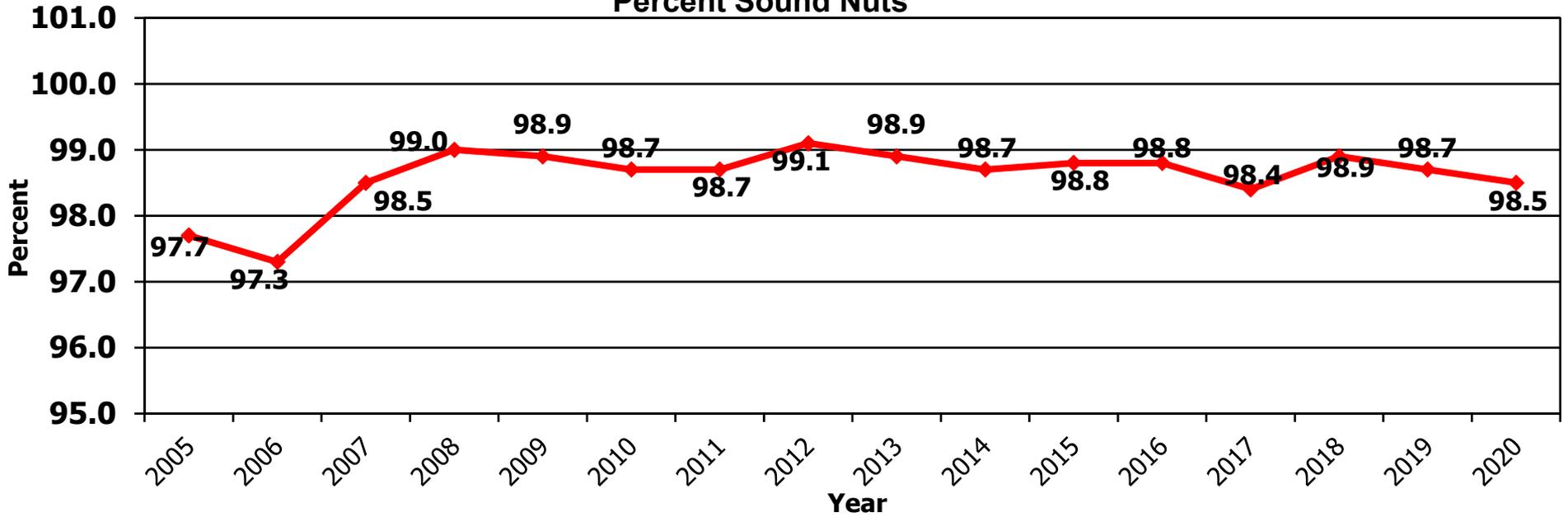
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Forecast and all Statistics Available On-line

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