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2007 Australian Almond Crop Estimated to Increase by a Healthy 46%

Recent figures released by the Almond Board of Australia indicate the forthcoming 2007 almond crop will exceed an estimated 23,500 tonnes (kernel), an increase of 46% over last year's crop, with an associated farm gate value of \$150 million.

Australian almond acreage has increased five-fold over the past eight years, from approximately 9,000 acres in 1999 to more than 47,000 acres in 2007. Planted orchards are expected to produce annual crops of over 50,000 tonnes (kernel) by 2012.

The ongoing expansion in acreage means that in an expanding market, Australian growers are well positioned to win increased market share over the next five to seven years, as young trees mature and come into production.

"Australia is world competitive in both costs and quality allowing us to compete effectively in global markets" explains Mr John Bird, Chairman of the Almond Board of Australia.

"This increase in production is timely, allowing Australian growers to benefit from the current growth in global consumption" said Mr Bird.

Consumption of almonds has grown rapidly in recent years, across both local and export markets, boosted by growing awareness of the health benefits of almonds and a shift by consumers towards natural foods. The Almond Board of Australia is working hard to spread the good news about the benefits of regular almond consumption through an industry funded marketing program.

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