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# IN A NUTSHELL

April 2007

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## In Memory of Philip James Watters

*It is with great sadness that we mourn the tragic death of our colleague and friend Phil Watters on Sunday, 4th March 2007.*

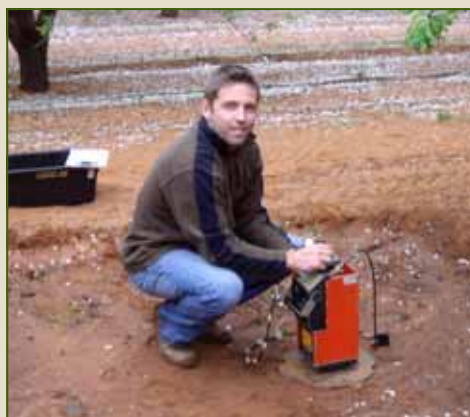
*Phil commenced employment with the ABA in July 2001 as a part-time Technical Officer. Phil's commitment to his work was instrumental in developing techniques to improve almond yields and improving efficiency of inputs.*

*Phil loved being with people and supporting them through the good times and the bad. He always dropped in to say 'G'day'. He was passionate about living life to the fullest with his friends and workmates.*

*A dedicated and enthusiastic employee and respected work colleague and most importantly, a friend.*

*Phil was a valued and respected member of our team and a highly regarded member of the Australian almond industry. A kind, generous and dedicated person who will be sorely missed and fondly remembered by us all.*

*We extend our deepest sympathy and condolences to Phil's wife, Sheridan and his family.*



# Almond Board Announces 2007 Crop Forecast

An ABA media release announcing this years crop estimate received coverage by a range of media, including 'The Weekly', 'The Murray Pioneer' and 'The River News':

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.

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"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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## INC—XXVI World Nut & Dried Fruit Congress



The INC XXVI World Nut and Dried Fruit Congress is to be held in May, 2007 in Madrid, Spain. Last years conference in Montreal was attended by around 500 delegates from 34 countries.

This years busy 3 day program includes speakers on many interesting topics and events within the nut and dried fruit industries including:

- Financial: How interest rates will affect my business?
- Almonds: Driving force for the next crops will be only the price?
- Latest News on Health Message: Latest studies and experiences on how to communicate.

For more details on the congress and to download a registration form logon to: [www.nutfruit.org](http://www.nutfruit.org) or email: [inc@nutfruit.org](mailto:inc@nutfruit.org)



# Protecting Livelihoods and Lifestyles

## Biosecurity Explained

This is the first in a series of articles prepared by the Almond Board and Plant Health Australia to explain 'Biosecurity' and the very important role we all have in its management.

### What is it?

Put simply, 'Biosecurity' is everything we do to protect our crops and orchards from exotic pests and diseases extending from the border to the paddock.

Biosecurity involves:

- Identifying and prioritising the pests that pose the greatest threat
- Stopping these pests entering Australia
- Making sure that exotic pests are not already here
- Identifying exotic pests early and reporting their presence; and
- Responding to any exotic pest outbreaks detected, or what we also call 'incursions'.

### Why is it important?

With the ever-increasing risk of catastrophic damage to our crops/orchards by exotic pests, good crop protection practices have never been more important. In addition, the ability to trade our fruit/produce/plants/grains/etc overseas, interstate and even regionally depends on how well we manage Biosecurity.

### Who's who?

Any form of security, whether it is protecting the country, people's health or our crops/orchards requires a tremendous co-ordinated effort. In responding to pest incursions agreed arrangements are in place to have governments, industries, researchers and others working together. The key players in developing and deploying Biosecurity measures are:

- Each industry, as represented by their peak industry body - in our case Almond Board of Australia.
- State and Federal government departments
- Researchers and experts with the skills to analyse and accurately identify priority exotic pests
- Plant Health Australia, whose role it is to work with, support and coordinate the efforts of everyone.

And of course, each and every grower in the country. Growers are likely to be the ones who will first spot and report a problem and who have a crucial role through farm management and hygiene practices in preventing the entry and establishment of plant pests and diseases.

### The foundations

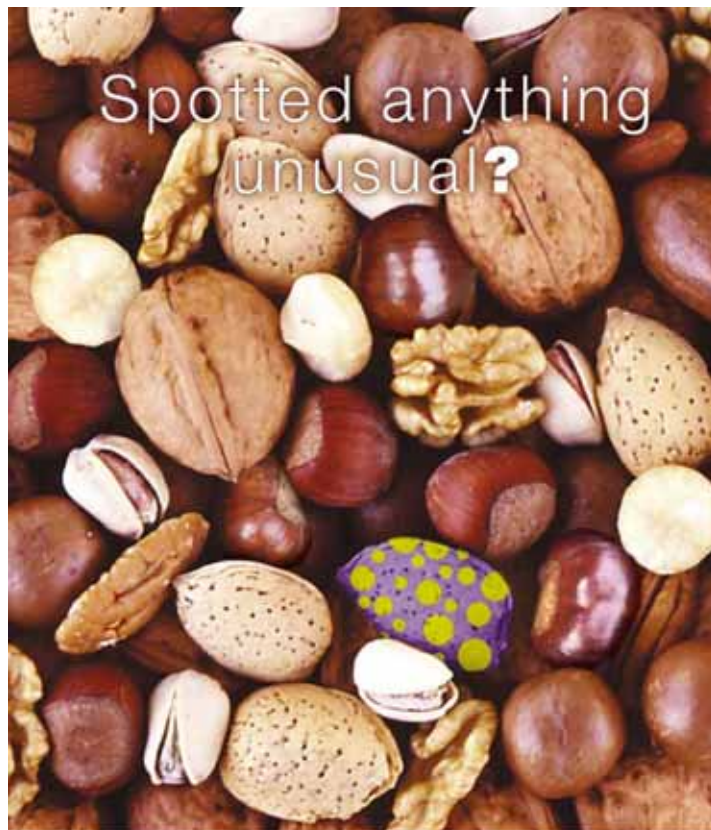
Rigorous planning and good systems are the keys to sound Biosecurity. In future articles, we'll explain each in more detail, but in short, here's what is involved:

#### Our Industry Biosecurity Plan

Our own comprehensive plan which details our most dangerous potential pests; analyses the risk for each pest; outlines what must be done to safeguard against them; and identifies key industry roles, responsibilities and useful contacts.

#### PLANTPLAN

This is the 'battle plan' which guides action if an incursion occurs including the preparation of pest and location specific response plans. It sets out who will do what, when and how. It's tried and tested, and very comprehensive.



All growers are the key to protecting Australia's orchards from exotic pests and diseases that could devastate the industry.

It is important that you are aware of the risk, and if you spot anything unusual in your orchard you should always check it out and call the Exotic Plant Pest Hotline on 1800 084 881. The call is free (except from mobiles) and early detection will help protect your industry. Visit [www.planthealthaustralia.com.au](http://www.planthealthaustralia.com.au) for further information about specific pests of concern.



**LOOK. BE ALERT. CALL AN EXPERT. 1800 084 881**

### Emergency Plant Pest Response Deed

A landmark legal agreement between plant industries (including the Almond industry) and the Australian and State/Territory Governments. It outlines the governments' commitment to supporting industries if an outbreak occurs; how combating an outbreak is paid for; and industry's responsibilities in preventing or reporting an incursion. Importantly, it provides for grower reimbursements if an **agreed** response requires destruction of their crop – for more information visit the PHA website: [www.planthealthaustralia.com.au](http://www.planthealthaustralia.com.au).

### Every growers' responsibility

Each and every grower has a great responsibility to ensure good Biosecurity. There are very practical steps that you must take on your farm to reduce the risks for your business and for the industry as a whole. Action by your neighbours will also be important. These steps are not difficult, make good business sense, and they will help.

Every grower and their employees have a critical role in looking out for anything unusual. Not just a casual glance over the crop/orchard, but a program of careful, regular inspection. This alert observation is the single most important weapon in our campaign to maintain good Biosecurity in Australia.

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# Protecting Livelihoods and Lifestyles

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## Securing your crop/orchard

For more information on what to look for and what to do on your farm, contact the ABA office on 08 8582 2055 or go to [Fact sheets](http://www.planthealthaustralia.com.au/project_documents/project_documents.asp?ID=213&category=2) ([http://www.planthealthaustralia.com.au/project\\_documents/project\\_documents.asp?ID=213&category=2](http://www.planthealthaustralia.com.au/project_documents/project_documents.asp?ID=213&category=2)) for a copy of the Nut Industry Biosecurity Plan and special Fact Sheets



*Navel orangeworm larvae reduce yield by consuming the nut meat, leaving behind frass and webbing. This damage then leaves the crop open to infection by aflatoxin producing fungi, further reducing quality. As this pest is concealed within the shell, nuts in shell can continue to be spoilt during storage and even after packaging and sale.*

*Photo Credit: Photo by Jack Kelly Clark and used with permission. Copyright University of California*

Plant Health Australia (PHA) is a peak body providing national coordination to improve Biosecurity across Australia's plant industries and capacity to respond to plant pest emergencies when they arise. PHA works with its Members to manage projects and contribute to the development of national plant health policy and capability in Australia.

The vision we share through these partnerships is leading to an internationally outstanding plant health management system that enhances Australia's plant health status and the sustainability and profitability of plant industries.

# Almond IAC moves East



*Article by  
Ben Robinson  
IAC Chair*

The day prior to the February 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Almond Industry Advisory Committee, which advises the ABA and Horticulture Australia limited on research and development investments, members travelled to Robinvale to see at first hand some of the extensive new almond developments in the area.

The tour was hosted by staff of Timbercorp and Select Harvests.

Members of the IAC were joined on the tour by research managers and scientists from CSIRO Merbein, the Department of Primary Industries, Victoria, and the South Australian Research and Development Institute, South Australia, together with the RiverLink coordinator.

Specific stops were made at the tissue culture laboratory of Select Harvests and the company's nursery, and their headquarters and cracking and hulling plant near Boundary Bend.

The bus drove through the young plantings, past various experimental sites, and the company's nursery.

Discussion was wide ranging, but kept coming back to the questions on pruning and training, soil management etc faced every day by orchard managers trying to maximise early growth and production during the establishment phase.

The group also heard a little of the research and development challenges being faced by both the pistachio and olive industries.

Stops were made at the Australian Pioneer Pistachio Company, where disease and biennial cropping were discussed and work on mechanical pruning was inspected, and Boundary Bend Olives, where progress in mechanical harvesting was described.

At both these sites the group visited "state of the art" processing plants.

Ben Robinson, the chairman of the Almond IAC said "The tour provided the accompanying scientists with an opportunity to meet leaders of the almond industry and understand the scale of the new developments."

## Staff Announcement

Following a recent reorganisation of the ABA's staff structure, the position of Industry Development Manager (IDM) held by Chris Bennett has been made redundant. Chris has been a full-time employee of the ABA for approximately seven years and prior to this served the industry on a part-time basis.

During his time with the ABA, Chris has been instrumental in guiding and expanding the industries' research and development program and more particularly, progressing the plant breeding program and the inception and development of the almond optimization project at CT Farms.

In addition, Chris was instrumental in establishing an industry strategic planning process and over the years has facilitated a number of industry initiatives and programs. Chris has contributed to the expansion and development of both the organisation and the industry.

I thank Chris on behalf of the Almond Board for his contribution over the years and wish him well with future endeavours.

Chris is currently undertaking handover of responsibilities and outstanding issues, and will depart the organisation on Friday, 6th April.



**John Bird**  
Chairman  
Almond Board of Australia

## Farewell to Friends & Colleagues

As you have recently heard, I will be leaving the Almond Board as of Thursday (April 5th).

I have enjoyed working with the industry immensely over the last 11 years. In that time the industry has greatly changed, both in size and nature. I like to think that together we have also made the odd improvement or two along the way.

At this stage I have no immediate plans and will be taking a little time off for R & R.

I have made a lot of friends within the industry, and the numerous recent phone calls and emails of support and good wishes have been very humbling. This is the type of thing that made working in the industry so rewarding. The personal help and assistance given freely by so many over the years has made it all possible. The people who are truly part of the industry, who are interested in its future, have vision and have assisted whenever needed are the guys, who in the end, have made the development of the industry possible. You know who you are..... you have all said "yes" at some point when asked to assist, have encouraged and supported along the way and provided the true leadership.

If there is one regret, it is that we have not had the opportunity to transfer the vast amount of knowledge coming out of the trial work to you in a which is very useful. I hope this situation is overcome, otherwise the effort and expense will not have been worthwhile.

I have no immediate plans, other than I will be taking some R&R. I will be keeping my old mobile number (0407 609 384) and my private email address is [bennett@riverland.net.au](mailto:bennett@riverland.net.au)

I wish you all well for the future.

*Chris Bennett*



## Tick of Approval



*Natural or  
unsalted  
almonds have  
the Heart  
Foundation Tick  
of approval!*

The Tick Program is a self-funded, public health program of the Heart Foundation, a not for profit organisation. The goal of the Tick program is to improve the nutritional content of foods by encouraging food companies to meet the Heart Foundation's strict nutrition and labeling standards.

Consumers are no longer just looking for healthier food choices, they are demanding it. Growing obesity rates in children as well as adults has increased the pressure on food companies to provide healthier choices. A recent News poll survey by the Heart Foundation found 93% of Australians said food companies had a role to play in addressing Australia's weight problem.

Having the Tick on a product is a proven and simple way of letting consumers know that it meets strict Heart Foundation standards; making it clear that it's an independently approved healthier food choice.

### Where can the Tick be used?

The Almond Board of Australia has gained approval to use the Tick in marketing materials related to natural or unsalted almonds including:

- Product packaging
- Advertising campaigns
- Point of sale
- Websites
- Press releases
- Trade presentations

### Maximising the Tick investment

"The Tick is Australia's leading food approval brand. Continual investment in marketing and promotion has resulted in unrivalled awareness and consumer usage of Tick".

### About the Heart Foundation

The Heart Foundation saves lives and improves health through funding world-class cardiovascular research, guidelines for health professionals, informing the public and assisting people with cardiovascular disease. As a charity, the Heart Foundation relies on donations and gifts in wills to continue its lifesaving research, education and health promotion work.

The Heart Foundation is also actively involved in the community with its healthier lifestyle strategy, of which Tick is one of the major components. Other programs including community walking groups, school initiatives and physical activity projects.

For further information go to: [www.heartfoundation.com.au](http://www.heartfoundation.com.au) or  
Heartline 1300 36 27 87

### Almonds are important for maintaining a healthy heart

Almonds contain "good" monounsaturated fat—also found in avocado and olive oil. Studies show that diets which replace saturated fat with "good monounsaturated fat, are beneficial for the heart\* ... and almonds are a natural source of phytosterols, which are plant compounds that also help to keep a healthy heart.

\*National Heart Foundation of Australia. Position statement on dietary fat. November 1999.  
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## Nuts for Life

The Nuts for Life consumer program has commenced with three phases underway:

Phase 1—Introducing Nuts for Life to the media through the first of our monthly media releases (see list)

Phase 2—Key opinion leader seeding—400 key people in sport, celebrity and business will each receive 5x30g serves of nuts (labelled Nuts for Life) and information on why they should eat nuts regularly for good health to generate word of mouth, to be sent at end of March.

Phase 3—Nut Yoga—Two events held in central Sydney (Wynyard Park April 4th) and Melbourne (City Square, March 28th) during lunch to encourage people to take time out of their 'nutty hectic lives', to de-stress, enjoy some nuts and learn why they are good for health. Nuts for Life will be teaming up with the Yoga Teachers Association of Australia for this event.

So far our consumer campaign has generated 20 or so media hits with a third mentioning the Nuts for Life name and website. Many journalists have reported keeping materials on file for future articles so we anticipate seeing more articles and interviews in the future, particularly around Heart Week (from April 30th)

For more information on the Nuts for Life program contact:

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### Media Releases Schedule:

- **January**—Celebrate Australia Day with nuts—introducing Nuts for Life, enjoying nuts during celebrations, health benefits. Media release curling into brim of an Akubra style hat
- **February**—Professor Peter Howe, University of South Australia as spokesperson to highlight his new study 'Edible Nuts and Metabolic Health in Current Opinions in Lipidology' Long lead media for Heart Week.
- **March**—Nut Yoga
- **April**—Nicole Senior, Dietitian and author of Eat to Beat Cholesterol—new consumer book—asked Lisa Yates to review her chapter on nuts—spokesperson on heart health benefits of nuts for heart week.
- **May/June**—Dr Katrine Baghurst, formerly of CSIRO, spokesperson on why nuts should be included in the diet, following her dietary model studies.

## 2007 Almond Conference

This year's Annual Almond Conference will be held 1 & 2 November 2007 at the Mildura Grand Hotel in Mildura.

Further information will be available shortly. Conference dates coincide with Mildura's Jazz Food & Wine Festival (see information below).

Mark these dates in your diary **NOW!!**

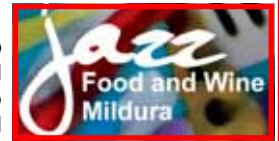
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### 3rd—7th November 2007

Traditional and mainstream jazz lovers get set to enjoy a spring treat at the 27th Mildura Jazz Food & Wine Festival. Festival organizers invite you to enjoy a very affordable program of traditional and mainstream jazz.



On a warm Mildura spring weekend, enjoy your jazz at venues on and around the Mighty Murray river. Take a riverboat cruise on her wide and meandering Mildura waters. With jazz melodies rippling through the warm spring air and the paddles slapping the water the mood is 'Mississippi'. A mood made complete by the styles of jazz on the program.

Enjoy a wonderful cross section of jazz talent with traditional bands Royal Garden Jazz Band, Hot Peppers, Daily Jazz and Dragon City Jazz Band and mainstream bands (etpejazz), Michael McQuaid's Red Hot Rythmakers and Loose Goose jazz.

Add to that a visit by the Australian Army concert band incorporating a 5 piece jazz band, good food & wine and the scene is set for a relaxed weekend of renewing old and making new jazz friendships.

**WHAT EVER YOU DO – DON'T MISS IT !**

For more information contact: **Festival Director:** Louise Funnell **Mildura Visitor Information and booking Centre** toll free number: 1300 550 858

Source: [www.jazzwine.com.au](http://www.jazzwine.com.au)



## CEO Appointment

In response to the broadening and expanding role of the Almond Board of Australia (ABA), a comprehensive review of the organisation has recently been undertaken. This process has included the engagement of a human resources consultant to review our current organisation structure and recommend appropriate structure and staff resources to position the organisation to meet the current and future needs of our rapidly expanding industry. The review included interviews and feedback with all staff and consultation with various stakeholders and other industry associations.

Following completion of this review, the ABA Executive has resolved to create the position of Chief Executive Officer. This role will have executive responsibility for all activities of the ABA. Following an interview and assessment process, Julie Haslett has been appointed to this role.

Julie has filled the role of Executive Officer since January 2006, and has been instrumental in upgrading and administrative and financial systems of the organisation together with supporting the marketing and R&D programs. Julie has a complimentary skill set and industry experience to equip her well for this challenging role and we are confident she will provide the leadership to drive our expanding organisation in the future.

I congratulate on her appointment and wish her every success in the future and ask all stakeholders to give her their full support.

**John Bird**  
Chairman — Almond Board of Australia

## Coming Events



### April

**23rd—24th** RIRDC Honey Bee Industry Linkages Workshop, Canberra

### May

**10th** ABA Audit Committee Meeting  
**10th—12th** INC Conference, Madrid Spain  
**17th** ABA Marketing Committee Meeting  
**18th** ABA Executive Meeting, Adelaide  
**29th—30th** HAL Forum, Sydney

### August

**9th** ABA Audit Committee Meeting  
**13th** ABA Marketing Committee Meeting  
**14th** ABA Executive Meeting, Adelaide

### November

**1st—2nd** Annual Almond Conference 2007, Mildura

## Effective Life Review of assets—from the ATO

The Tax Office is now able to provide a draft list of depreciating assets and effective lives for the review of assets used by farmers in the Coffee, Olive and Tree Nut Industries.

The table (*inserted with this newsletter*) shows the draft lives (that will appear on our website shortly).

### **Generic assets that are not shown in the above asset list**

Certain assets encountered in the review of the coffee, olive and tree nut sectors are also used in other industries that are currently under review, such as the fruit growing sector. Accordingly the draft lives for these assets will be sent out when the draft lives for the fruit growing industry are issued. Some of these assets include fertigation systems, elevated work platforms, ladders, linkage hedging machines, tree guards, post hole diggers, tree planters and water pressure cleaners.

### **On-farm processing assets**

The draft lives for assets owned by farmers used in post-harvest processing and grading activities will be issued at a later date.

### **Water facilities**

We are gathering information on assets used for conserving or conveying water such as pipelines and water tanks. However, in most cases a deduction for the capital expenditure on these assets will be available over three years as water facilities. A deduction for the decline in value of such a

depreciating asset over its effective life is only available for a primary producer in some circumstances where they are unable to claim the three year write off (eg if the expenditure on the asset was not incurred **primarily and principally** for the purpose of conserving or conveying water in a primary production business). Please note that if the three year write off has been available for a water facility no further deduction is available for capital expenditure on the subsequent acquisition of that water facility by any taxpayer.

We invite your comments on both the list of assets and draft lives by Monday, 30 April 2007. We expect to finalise the new effective life determinations in time for a commencement date of 1 July 2007. Your comments should be forwarded to:

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## Woolworths agricultural business scholarships

*'The Fresh Food People'*  
**WOOLWORTHS**

Woolworths, together with the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW and the University of Western Sydney, has designed a two week residential scholarship programme focused on enabling young people to learn more about how the spheres of agriculture, business and retailing inter-relate. There are 20 places on offer and applications are now open.

During the 12 day course there will be lecturers from the University of Western Sydney and Woolworths business leaders. Based at the Woolworths support office in North-West Sydney, a broad academic perspective on business and key issues facing the agricultural industry will be addressed.

Lecture topics include:

- Retail market trends and influencers
- Business strategy and planning
- Successful business leadership
- Business finance
- Logistics and supply chain management
- The international marketplace
- The role of Government
- Doing business with retailers
- Sustainability and environmental issues

The course has been specially designed to be practical as well as theoretical, providing the chance to apply best practice ideas into real life experiences.

Woolworths is funding the cost of travel to and from Sydney, all accommodation and meals during the course. It will be held from Monday, August 6th to Friday, August 17 at the Woolworths Support Office in Bella Vista NSW.

### **Eligibility Criteria:**

You need to be aged between 20-30 years old (as at January 1, 2007).

You should also be currently employed in the agricultural or horticultural industry OR in your second or further year of study in an agricultural or horticultural faculty at a registered tertiary institution.

You need to be available to attend the entire course from August 6th to August 17th 2007 in Sydney.

### **How to Apply:**

Visit [www.wowcareers.com.au](http://www.wowcareers.com.au) and click on the link 'Woolworths Agricultural Business Scholarships'. Follow the instructions and apply online.

If you don't have access to the internet you can call Kimberlee Clements at Woolworths on 02 8885 1012 and she will send you application form by post.

The closing dates for applications is Sunday, April 29th, 2007. All applications will be jointly reviewed in the strictest confidence by Woolworths and the Royal Agricultural Society. Woolworths will contact you at the end of May to let you know the outcome.

If you have more questions about the course or the application process contact

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## What the.....?

Authorities in California have recovered 20,000kg of stolen almonds, after the suspected thieves tried to sell the processed nuts on the black market. The thieves drove off in a truck full of almonds and although officials later found the truck, it had been emptied of the nuts, valued at about \$175,000. But last week an almond broker called authorities when he suspected someone was trying to sell him illegal nuts.

Source: Sydney MX paper 01 November 06

## Advertising



"In A Nutshell" newsletter is distributed to over 400 members and industry contacts each quarter. This publication is issued on quarterly.

An opportunity to advertise your business or products in this newsletter is now available.

Please contact Jo Ireland at the ABA office for advertising rates and size information:

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## Almond Fruit Bar

**Serving size: Serves 10 or more**  
**Cooking time: Less than 30 minutes**

### Ingredients

- 3 cups natural muesli
- 1 cup flaked almonds, toasted
- 1 cup dried fruit medley
- 3/4 cup honey
- 3/4 cup pineapple juice
- 80g butter

### Method

Preheat oven to 180°C.

Grease and line a 20 x 30cm slice tin.

Place honey, pineapple juice and butter in a small saucepan. Simmer for 5 minutes or until thick and syrupy.

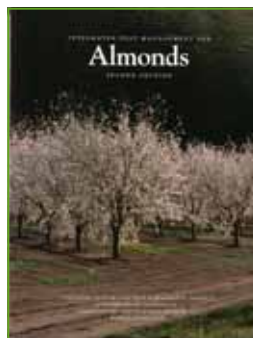
Combine muesli, almonds and dried fruit and pineapple syrup in a mixing bowl. Mix well and pour into prepared pan.

Bake for 20-25 minutes in a moderately slow oven or until lightly browned.

Cut into pieces while still warm, cool in pan.



## Publications for Sale



### Integrated Pest Management for Almonds—2nd Edition

University of California, USA (2002)

Covering 120 different pest problems including diseases, insects and mites, nematodes, vertebrate pests and weeds. You'll also find expanded chapters on vertebrate pest management and vegetation management including recommendations for control techniques where endangered species occur and detailed information on cover crops. You'll also find revised sections on navel orangeworm and peach twig borer along with revised and updated tables on susceptibility of rootstocks and scion cultivars to major pests. Illustrated with 259 photos, 69 line drawings and tables and a detailed index.

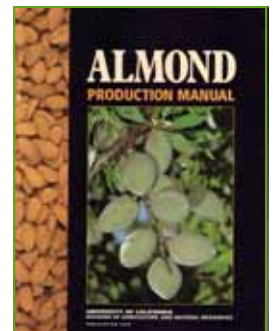
**\$40.00** (incl GST)

### Almond Production Manual

University of California, USA (1996)

Provides information on all stages of almond production, from planting and developing new orchards to managing bearing orchards and harvesting and handling crops. Written by more than 50 UC experts, the manual's information is practical and suited to field application. Includes more than 80 colour photos.

**\$37.50** (incl GST)

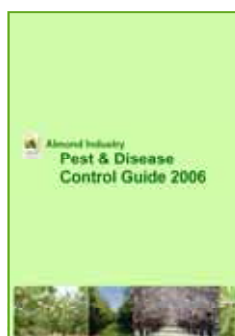


### Pest & Disease Control Guide 2006

Dr Prue McMichael and Lucy Pampa

The industry's first official pest & disease guide has been facilitated by HAL (Horticulture Australia Limited) in partnership with the ABA. This Guide provides information on almond pests and diseases that can be managed and monitored by orchard managers.

**\$12.00** (incl GST)



ASSET	LIFE (YEARS)	REVIEWED	DATE OF APPLICATION
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**AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHING**  
(01110 to 05290)

**Coffee, olive and tree nut growing**  
(01590, 01370, 01390)

ASSET	LIFE (YEARS)	REVIEWED	DATE OF APPLICATION
Chemical spraying assets (including air blast sprayers and linkage sprayers)	10	*	1 Jul 2007
Cleaning and mulching:			
Blowers	10	*	1 Jul 2007
Mowers (including zero turn and ride on)	8	*	1 Jul 2007
Mulchers	8	*	1 Jul 2007
Slashers	10	*	1 Jul 2007
Sweeper attachments	10	*	1 Jul 2007
Fertilizer spreaders	10	*	1 Jul 2007
General assets:			
Agriculture motor cycles (used in primary production activities)	5	*	1 Jul 2007
All terrain vehicles (ATV)	5	*	1 Jul 2007
Bins:			
Plastic	10	*	1 Jul 2007
Timber	5	*	1 Jul 2007
Stakes (including trellising)	3	*	1 Jul 2007
Tractors	12	*Cap	1 Jul 2007
Harvesting:			
Bankouts (almonds)	15	*	1 Jul 2007
Catcher nets	10	*	1 Jul 2007
Elevators (almonds)	12	*	1 Jul 2007
Harvesters:			
Coffee	10	*Cap	1 Jul 2007
Olive	10	*Cap	1 Jul 2007
Nuts:			
Macadamia mower mounted	8	*Cap	1 Jul 2007
Generally	10	*Cap	1 Jul 2007
Pick ups (e.g. almonds)	12	*Cap	1 Jul 2007
Sweepers	12	*Cap	1 Jul 2007
Tree shakers	10	*Cap	1 Jul 2007
Reservoir carts (almonds)	15	*	1 Jul 2007
Harvesting pole rakes	5	*	1 Jul 2007
Trailers	15	*	1 Jul 2007
Pruning:			

<b>ASSET</b>	<b>LIFE (YEARS)</b>	<b>REVIEWED</b>	<b>DATE OF APPLICATION</b>
Chain saws	5	*	1 Jul 2007
Electric hand pruners	3	*	1 Jul 2007
Manual hand pruners	2	*	1 Jul 2007
Pneumatic pruners:			
Compressor	10	*	1 Jul 2007
Hand tools	5	*	1 Jul 2007

\* Please note the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer announced on 16 November 2006 ([Press Release No 083 of 2006](#)) that legislation would be introduced to ensure that the effective life for all tractors and harvesters used in primary production activities would have a capped effective life of 6 2/3 years. It is understood this legislation is intended to apply on and from 1 July 2007.