# 2009/10 Grower Communication

The State of the Walnut Industry



#### The Main Focus

- Pathogens
- Monitor from Farm to Family
- New Federal Oversight
- The Law
  - July 2009
  - February 2010 (?)
- GAP and GMP



#### The Unanswered Questions



- Where does it begin
- Are walnuts susceptible
- What can reduce risk
  - Drying
  - Natural Compounds
  - But . . .

#### ... The Answer Begins

# With You...

# ...And the Handlers!



#### **Current Activities**

- Adopt GMA Handbook
- Food Safety Workshop
- Field Research
- FS Working Group
- Grades & Standards
- FDA Inspections
- Intense Scrutiny



#### Will it be worth the effort?

- There is no choice!
  - FDA
  - Media
  - Customers
  - The very integrity of our industry!
    - Quality
    - Freshness
    - Service
    - Health



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#### Direct Sales by Growers

- By pass the network
  - Against Federal Law
    - No Reports = bad crop/inventory numbers
    - Fines of \$1,100 per day/incident
  - A Risk for Food Safety
    - No Inspection
    - In-transit risk
    - And . . .

#### ... You Are Now a Handler!

- You have new reporting requirements!
  - Receipts (including your own production)
  - Assessments
  - Inspection/grading
  - When that demand dries up what do I do?
  - Risk as Seller
- We can send you a Handler Package!



### Impact of World Economy



#### 2008/09

- Record Crop 435,000 tons
- Low Ending Inventory
- Dollar Strong & Moving
- Aggressive Opening of the Markets
- Buyers Were Wait & See
- Experience with declining market

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#### The Current Situation

- Crop Slightly Higher Than 2008/09 . . .
- . . . at 436,000 tons
- Opening Inventory higher at 58,000 tons
- Dollar Weak and stable
- Rain/Quality/delay in harvest
- Less Aggressive at Opening
- Non-Traditional Markets Buying

#### Currency

Germany as an Example

August 1, 2008 - \$1.56

October 27, 2008 - \$1.24

December 1, 2009 - \$1.68

Spain, Japan, Korea follow pattern.

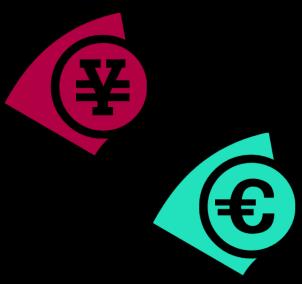


#### Result of Currency

 Good climate for Selling California
 Walnuts



 Marketing Programs downsized with less bang for the buck



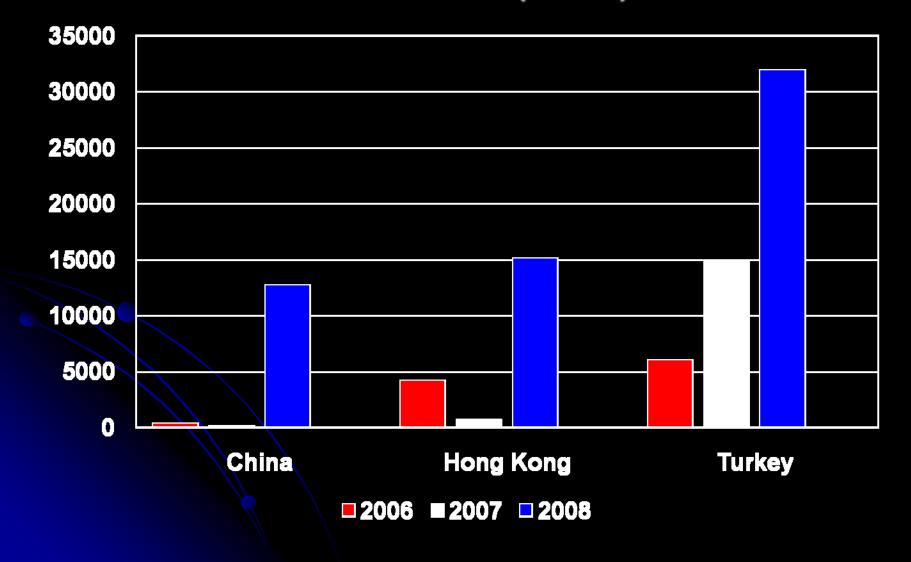
#### The Non-Traditional Markets

 Who are they – China, Hong Kong & Turkey

What do they buy – In-shell walnuts mostly for shelling

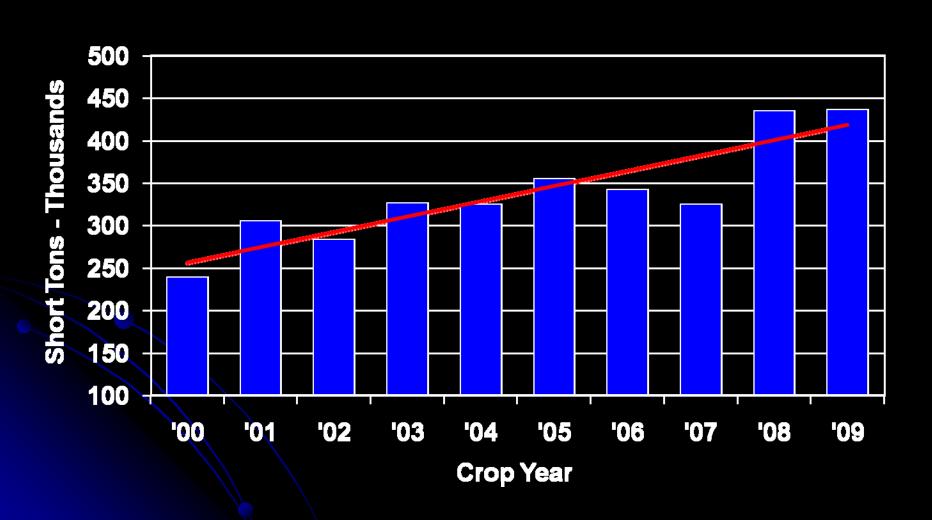
- To Whom do they sell
  - China /Hong Kong— Their own consumption
  - Turkey Middle-Eastern markets such as Iran, Iraq, etc.

#### Non-Traditional Market Trends Pounds, In-shell, (000) Omitted

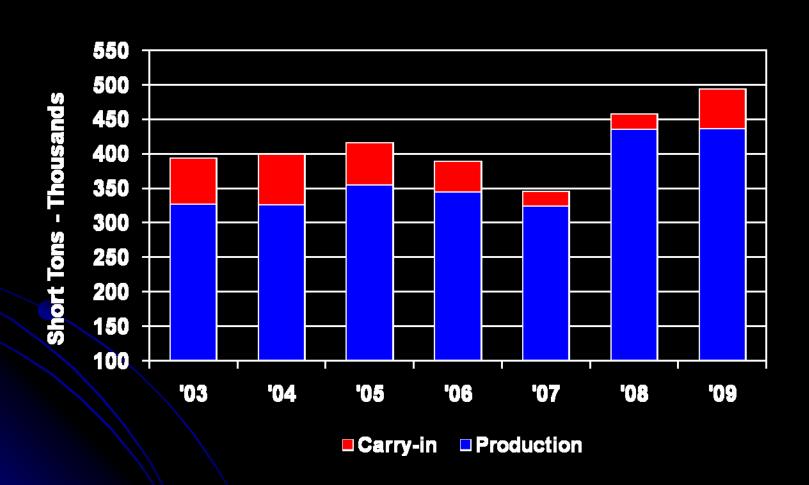


# Trends

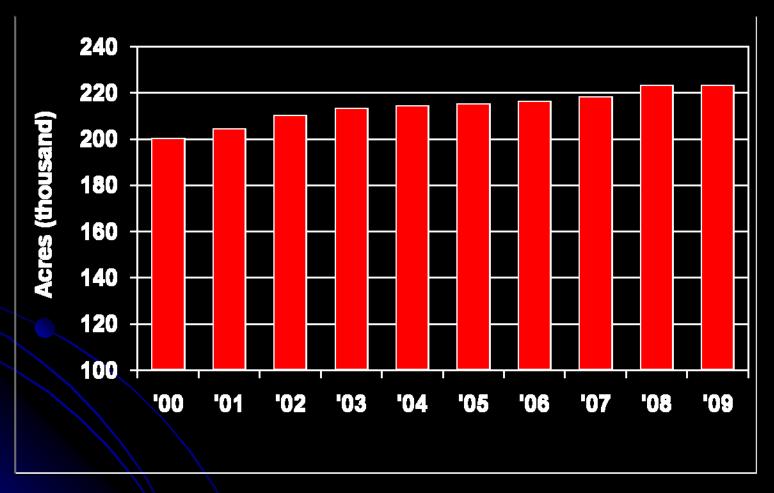
#### U.S. Walnut Production History



#### **Total CA Walnut Availability**



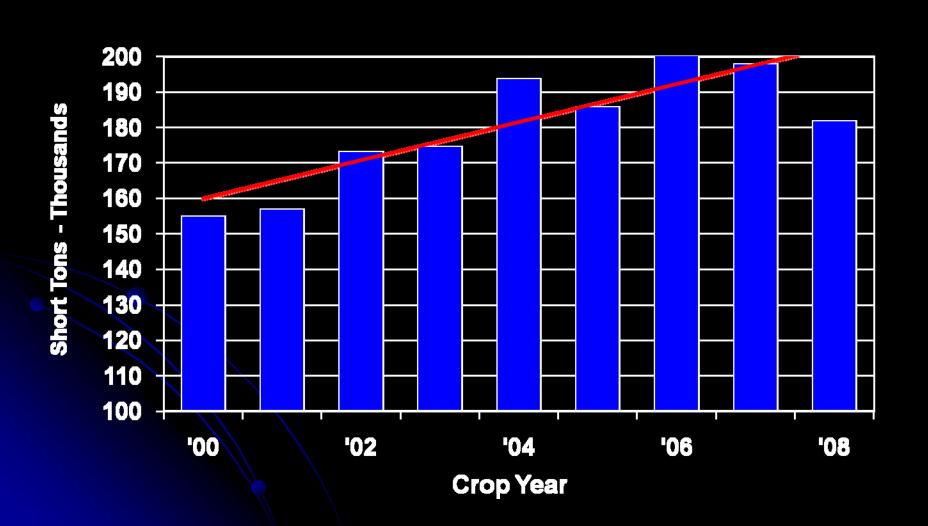
### **Bearing Acreage**



Average 5,000 acres every 5 years

\* Note Acreage Survey conducted every other year since 2003

### **Total US Shipment History**





### Walnuts Around the World



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#### UNITED STATES

- 87% believe walnuts are healthy (up from 67%)
- 55% believe walnuts provide more health benefits than other nuts
- 55% buying more walnuts than 5 years ago
- Average purchase frequency increased from 3.47x to 3.91x
  - Increase to 4.79x for those aware that walnuts contain omega-3s
- 63% believe that walnuts are "a good value for the money"

### Marketing

**Advertising** 

**Public Relations** 



Websites

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# UNITED STATES Key Media Events





- Annual Harvest Tour October
  - Better Homes & Gardens
  - Cooking Light
  - Sunset Magazine
- Spring Media Tour April
- Health Symposium June
  - Public and Health Professionals

3.5 billion impressions last year





#### **GERMANY**

Year Round Advertising Campaign

- 88 Print Ads
- 4 Online Ads
- 250,000 brochures at point of purchase



























#### SPAIN

### Spring/Fall Advertising Campaigns

- In Store
- Print Campaign
- Online







#### **JAPAN**

### Walnut Harvest Festival Retail Bakery Campaign

August – December, 2009

18 Participating Companies
Up 20%

1,004 outlets
Up 177%

32,310 applications postcards
Up 227%





#### KOREA

## TV Program "It's OK" on SBS, December 9

✓ Viewership

5,000,000

✓ Ad Value

\$500,000

- ✓ 3 of 5 Home Shopping
  Channels aired walnut
  programs following the show
  - 70% sales increase vs. prior week





#### **CHINA**

Publicity Generated: 5 million impressions AEV of \$500,000



鱼的替代品

鱼是 omega-3 不饱和 脂肪酸的最佳来源,研究 发现可降低血压和心 脏病发作的危险。

> 不过不喜欢鱼腥味 的人怎么办? 英格 兰一项研究发现,

从植物里也可获得 几乎相同的营养,

因为植物含有阿尔发亚麻油酸 (alpha-linolenic acid),食用后在人体内可转化为 omega-3。以验血方式比较长期吃鱼和从不吃鱼的妇女心脏病发病率较高。事实上,不爱吃鱼的人,omega-3 水平只比爱吃鱼者低约10%。阿尔发亚麻油酸的最佳来源是核桃、亚麻子、豆腐、菜籽油和大豆油。

果等,热爱健康的超市达人们 留意。

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豆腐: 将豆腐置于水中浸泡, 可以去除其中的H N S 的水逐渐促进的使可取出。

和加州核桃的 美白"约会"

発信量計・金品、可以防止細胞老化 和记忆衰速。可是,除了內在调許。 它在分數上也是一把好手線。底远富 含钙、镇、铁等似于张元素和增生素E的 如州核成和,DIY一张完美的美白面膜 吧。每周使用3次,可以使们扶受得紧 致达白、淮湖有光泽。

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使用方法: 晚上店əə的大清洗面部,然后把调好的面接均匀地涂于脸上,避开眼及属器四周; 15~20分钟后,用清水洗净。建议每居使用三次。

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### HEALTH RESEARCH

#### WALNUT HEALTH RESEARCH

#### **Recent Publications**

- Harvard (Hu) Meta Analysis on Cardiovascular Health
- Tufts (Joseph) Cognitive Function
- University of Wollongong (Tapsell) Diabetes
- Loma Linda University (Sabate) Fish vs. Walnuts

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#### **Accepted Publications**

- Yale University (Katz) Type 2 Diabetes
- Harvard (Mantzoros) Satiety
- Loma Linda University Serum Lipids
- University of Wollongong (Tapsell) Diabetes
- PREDIMED Serum Lipids, İnsulin Resistance, Inflammatory Markers

#### PENDING PUBLICATIONS

# 3 papers under review at various journals

#### WALNUT HEALTH RESEARCH

# Studies in progress 21



#### Manex to Mancozeb

- A New Compound for blight
  - Cannot use Manex
  - Not yet Registered by EPA
    - Section 3
    - Section 18
- Filed for an 18 on Mancozeb 9/2009
- Manufacturer wants more label uses
- Moment to Moment

### Thank You!



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