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## In a nutshell...

- Almond prices remain firm

## Almond Update

Few buyers and sellers in the market, prices remain firm. Some packers remain "off the market" even though prices are very attractive in comparison to prices 6 months ago. With almond bloom on the horizon expect these packers to stay out of the selling game until we have a better handle on bloom conditions. We've all heard the weather predictions of a wet season but the reality is, that even our best weather forecasters cannot predict the weather in 2 hours time. Based on the shipment numbers and surprising continued demand, let's hope for a good bloom! Most recent trades for BV Std 5% at USD \$2.35/lb for prompt shipment; NPS 27/30 @ USD 2.80/lb; CAL SSR 27/30 AOL at USD \$2.55/lb for Feb/Mar.



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