California Walnut Annual Report 2007/08

Presented to Growers

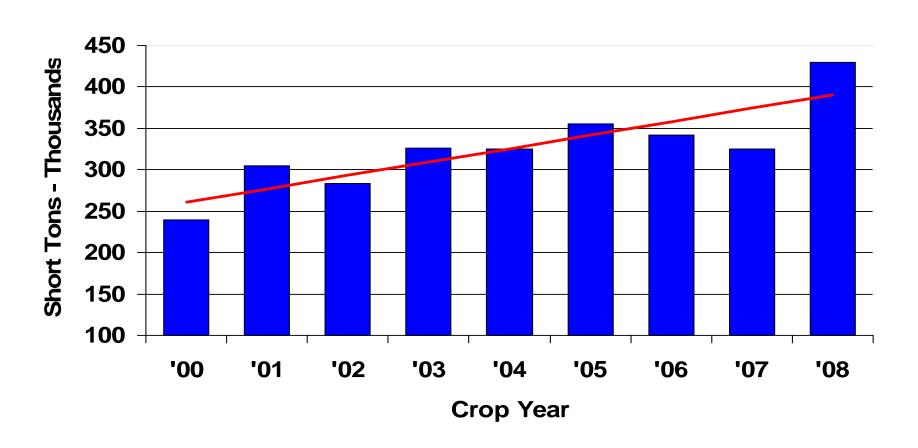


OVERVIEW

- 07/08 Statistics
- Market Situation U.S. & Abroad
- Health Research
- Referendum
- Regulatory

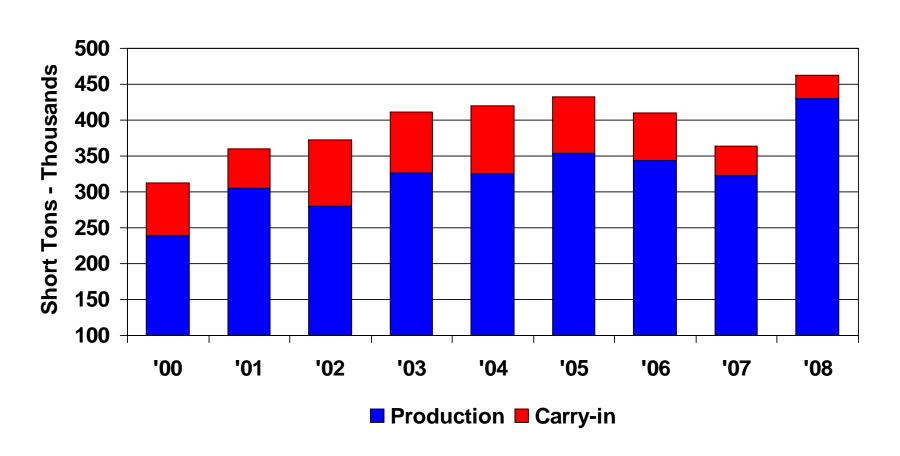


U.S. Walnut Production History



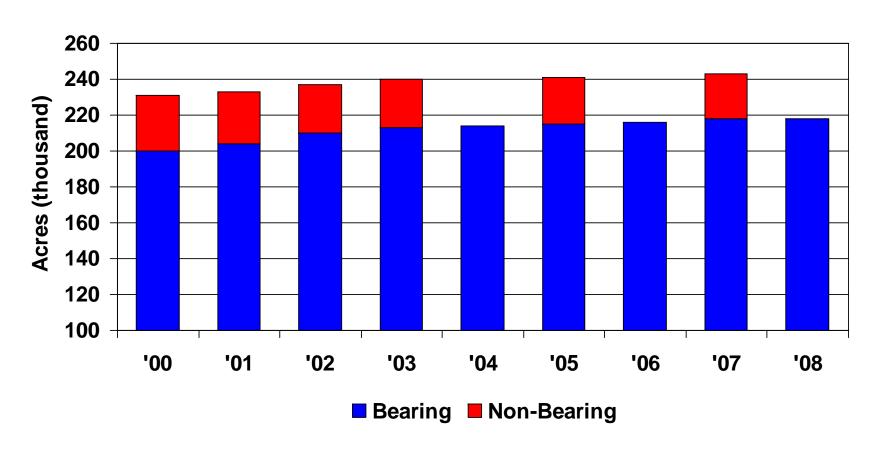


Total CA Walnut Availability





Bearing Acreage



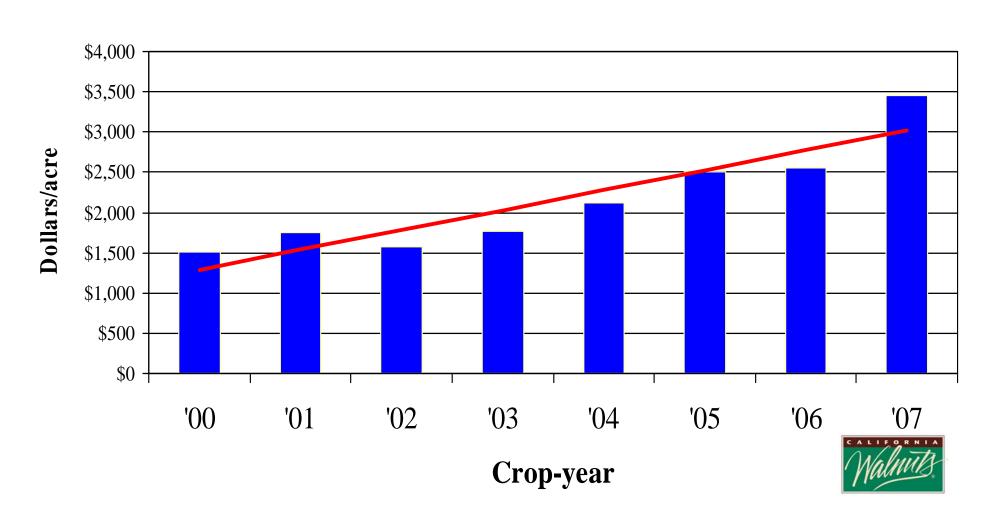
Average 5,000 acres every 5 years

* Note Acreage Survey conducted every other year since 2003

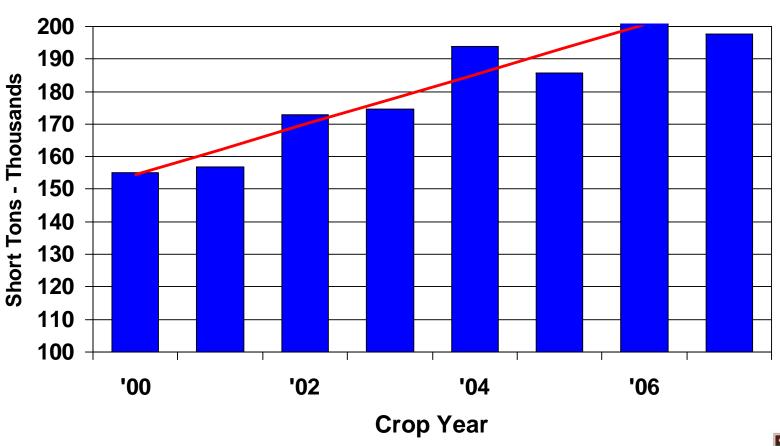


Higher Return with Large Crops

Average Revenue/Acre

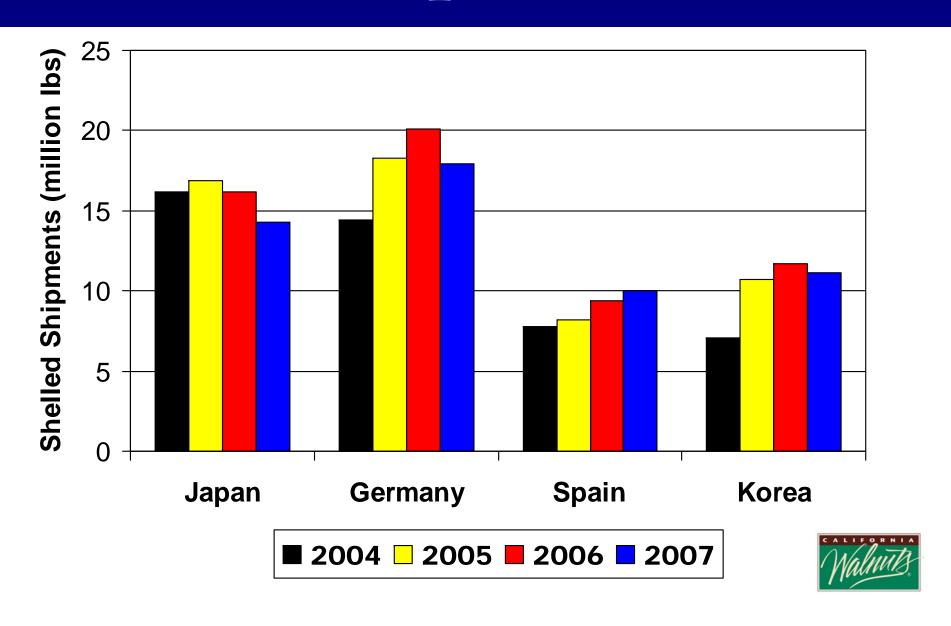


Total US Shipment History

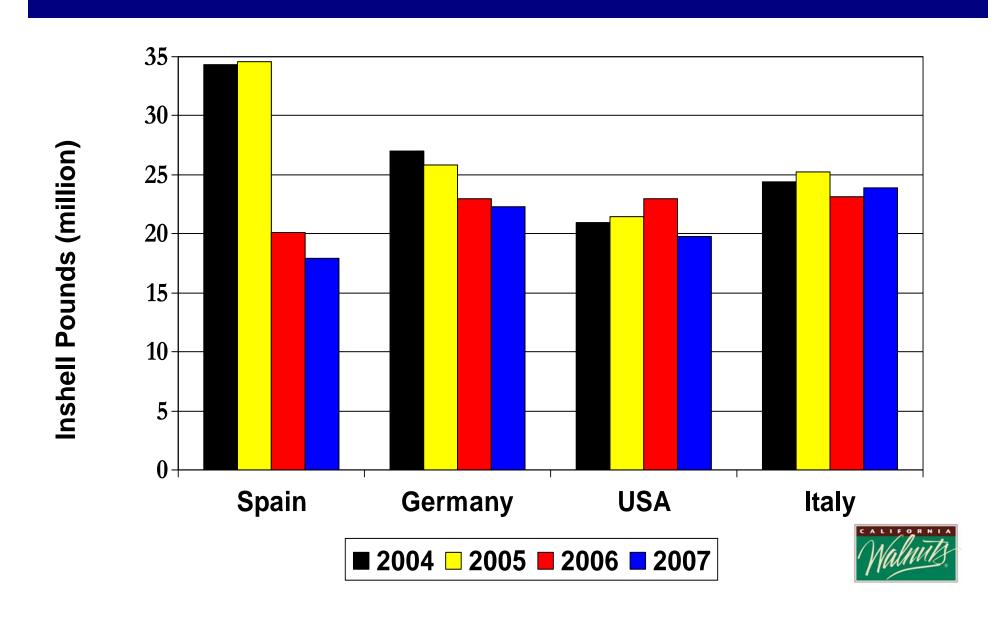




Shelled Export Markets



Inshell Markets



Market Situation U.S. & Abroad

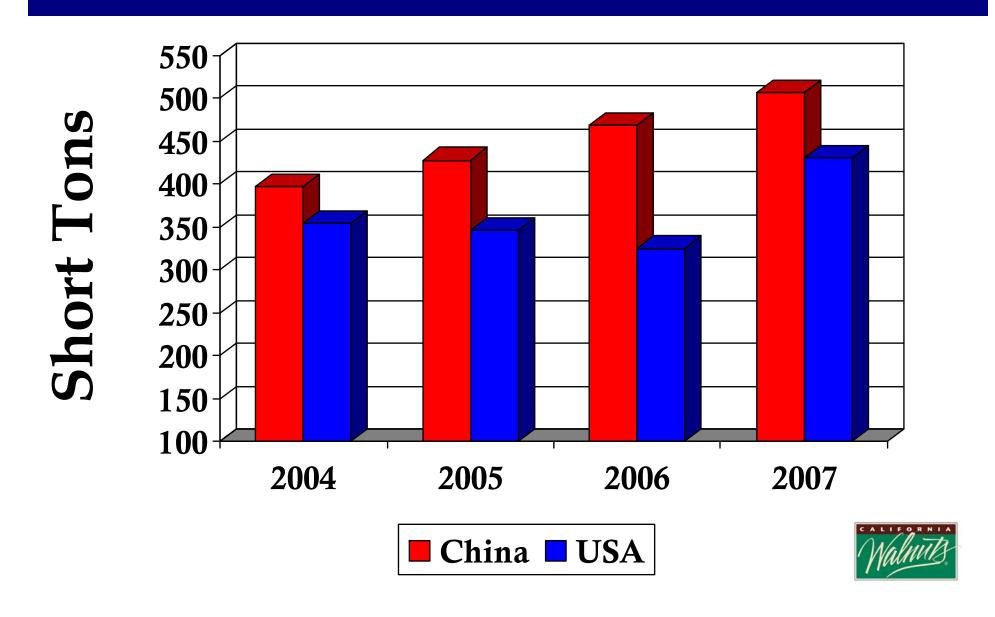


Trends & Insight

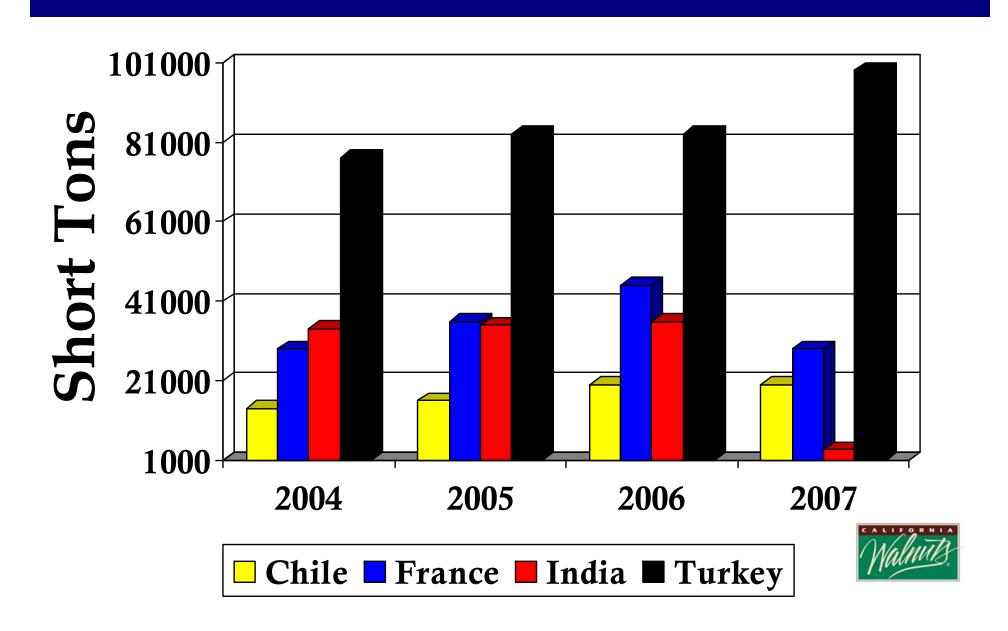
- Foreign Crop
 Production/World Supply
- Economic Conditions



Foreign Crop Production



Foreign Crop Production



Currency

Euro/Dollar Exchange

20% Less Buying Power in 8 weeks time

August 1, 2008	October 27, 2008
1.5567	1.2446



Currency



Euro/USD Aug -Dec, 2008



Economic Conditions

Global Economic Crisis

- –Instability in CurrencyMarkets
- -U.S. Recession? Others?
- -Consumer Fear



Walnuts Around the World





What does the consumer tell us?

- -67% believe walnuts are healthy
- -Where do they get their health information?
 - Internet (77%) Google, WebMD, Yahoo!
 - Print (46%) People, Good Housekeeping,
 Readers Digest, US Weekly, Cooking Light,
 Prevention

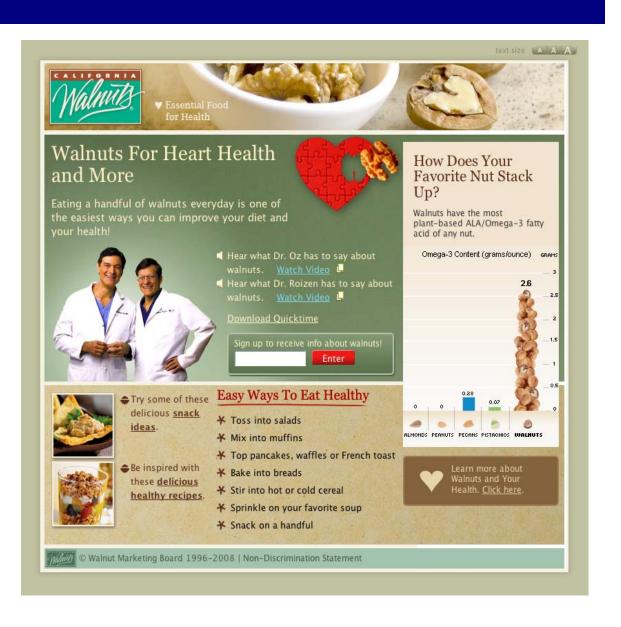


What does the consumer tell us?

- -Versatility sets walnuts apart:
 - 80% good ingredient for baking
 - 63% good as a snack
 - 57% good in salads



- RealAge Pilot Program
- Cooking Light/
 My Recipes.com
- RealAge.com
- Oprah.com
- WebMd.com



- Reaching Consumers through opinion leaders
- Focus on Taste, Health & Versatility



Harvest Event/Spring
 Online Media Event







Smart Nutrition with California Walnuts

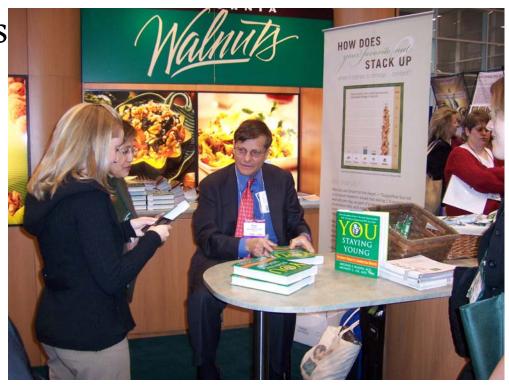
- Establish walnuts as "Smart" Choice



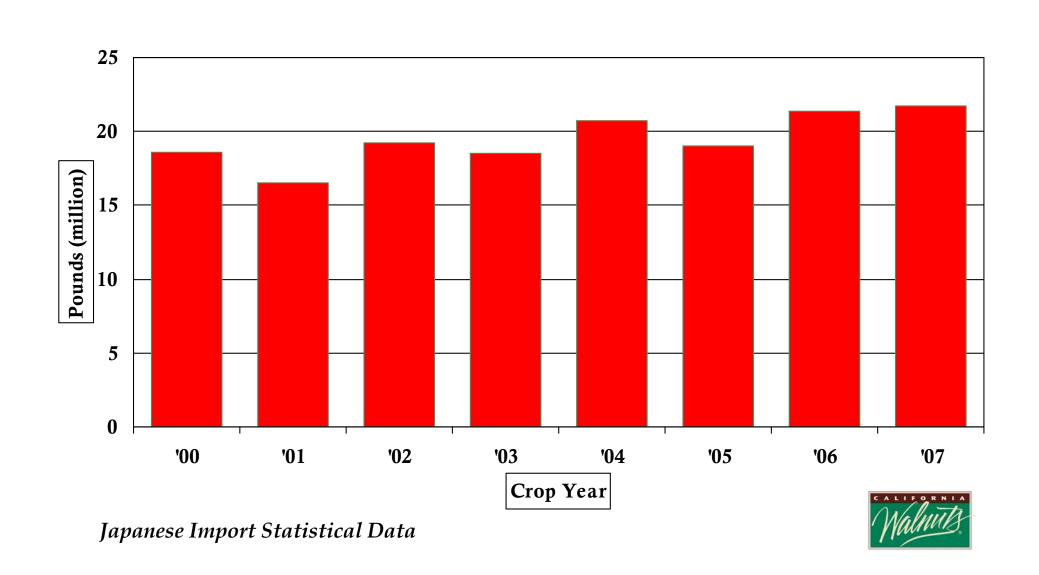


Health Professional Outreach

- Conferences
 - Dieticians
 - Physicians Assistants
 - Diabetes Educators
- Desk side Briefings



Japan: Shelled Shipments



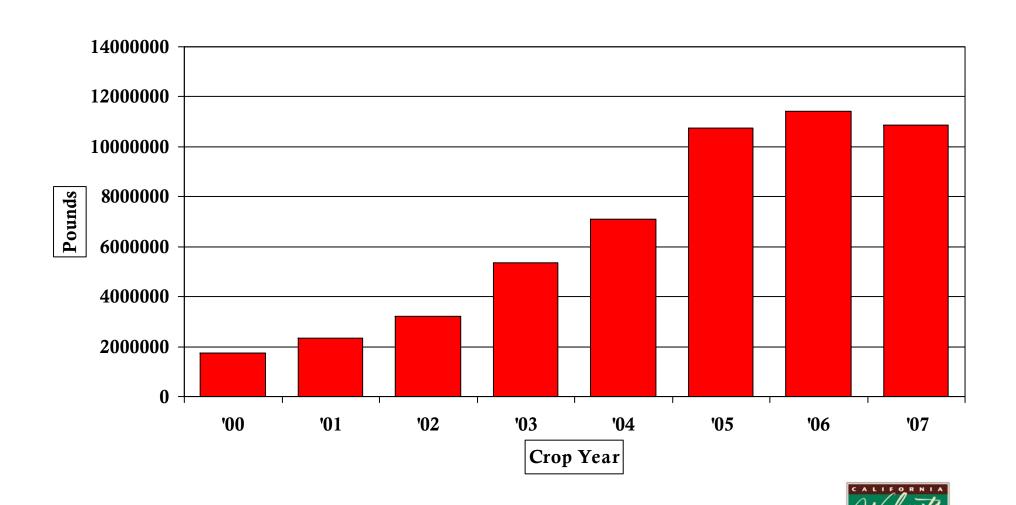
JAPAN

- Targeted Advertising (i.e. Tokyo)
- Sweepstakes/Bakery Campaigns
- 19th New Product Development Competition
 - 232 Applicants
 - 3 products to be launched in coming months



NPDC Grand Prize Walnuts Crown

Korea: Shelled Shipments



KOREA

Home Shopping

- Were featured on all 5 channels nationally
- Were the #2 selling product
- Airtime decrease of 10-15%
- Walnut sales decreased by approx. 30%





KOREA

- Advertising
- In-store Promotions
- 13th New Product Development Competition
- Product of the Year



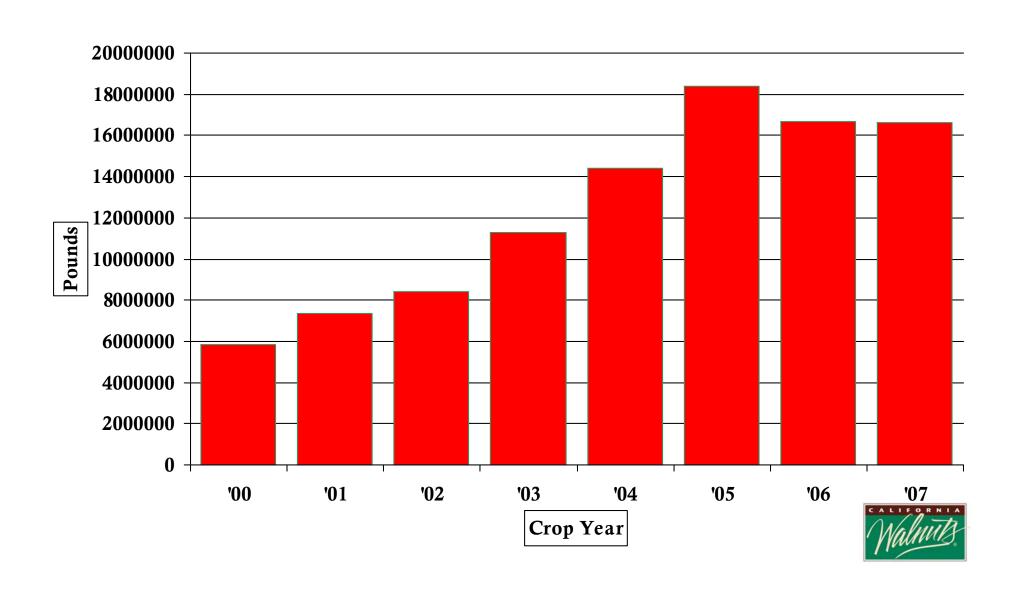
KOREA – NEW PRODUCTS

Dunkin Donuts –new baked donuts & scone featuring walnuts





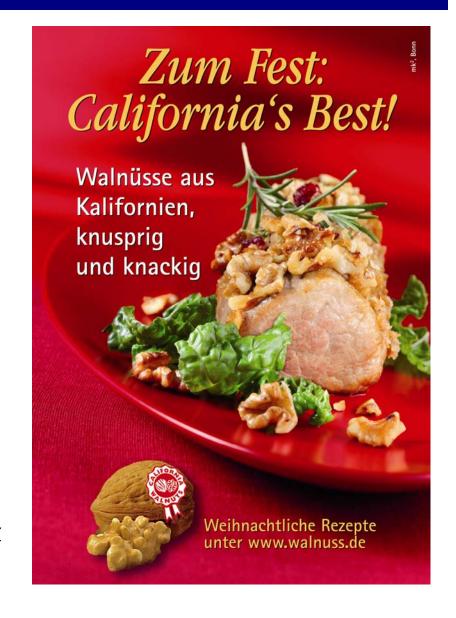
Germany: Shelled Shipments



GERMANY

Consumers

- Public Relations
 - 941,652,604 Circulation
 - AEV of \$1.35 million
- Advertising
 - Fall Inshell Campaign
 - Spring/Summer Shelled Campaign
- Point of Sale/In-store
 - Brochures
 - Retailer/Importer Support



GERMANY

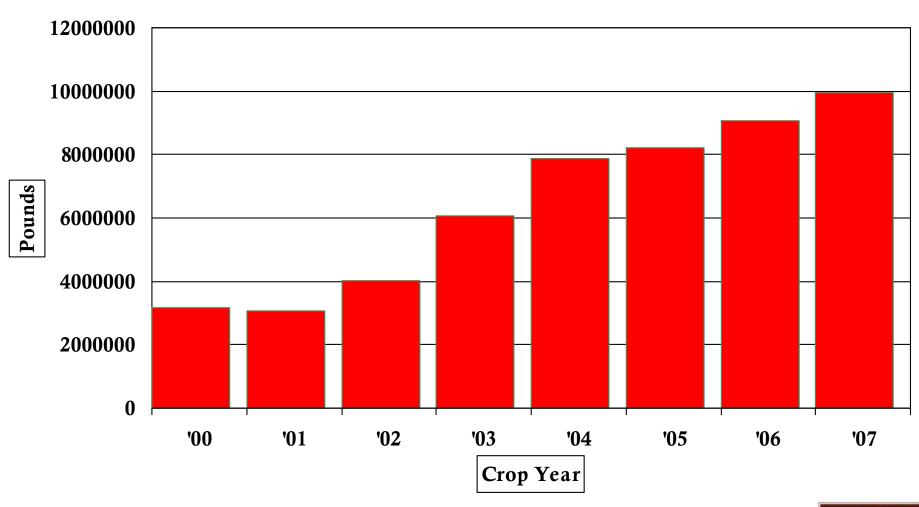
Trade Program

- Mailings
- Technical Guidebook





Spain: Shelled Shipments





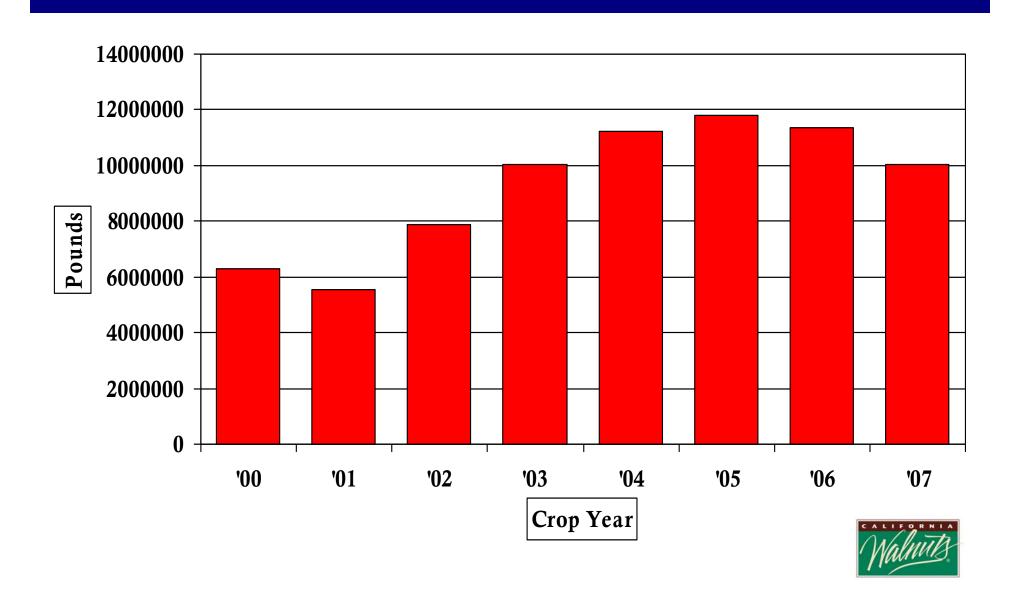
SPAIN

- Public Relations
 - 889 articles/features in newspapers, TV, radio & online
 - AEV of \$2.8 million
- Advertising
 - Fall Inshell Campaign
- In-store
 - 500 centers nationally
 - El Corte Ingles, Carrefour, Hipercor





Canada: Shelled Shipments



CANADA

- Consumer
 - Communicating Science
 - New Website
- Trade
 - New Product DevelopmentCompetition
 - Technical Seminars
 - Instore Demos



CANADA - New Products

Burger King
 Cranberry Walnut Salad



• A&P

(Canada's third largest grocery retailer)

Walnut Raisin Rolls



The Focus on Health

Proven health benefits are driving demand for California walnuts





The Changing Perception of Walnuts



"Stock up on Omega-3 from other food sources like walnuts..." (Dr. Sanjay Gupta, *CNN* Chief Medical Correspondent, 09/08)

2007



"Walnuts are Heart Candy" (Dr. Mehmet Oz, You Tour, 2007)

2008



Nuts & Fat are Bad! (Newsday, 12/23/90)



2005

The Best of the Nuts

"...the best nuts, those
highest in omega-3 fatty
acids, are walnuts..." (Dr.
Michael Roizen, You: The
Owner's Manual, 2005)



Recent Publications

- Hardman/Marshall University
 - Breast Cancer
- Ros /PREDIMED (Spain)
 - Metabolic Syndrome
- Hartman/Penn State
 - Prostate Cancer



Accepted Publications

- Joseph Cognitive Function
- Sabate Fish vs Walnut (omega 3s)
- Tapsell Satiety & Energy Expenditure
- Sabate Antioxidant
- Ros PREDIMED-Adipokines and markers of inflammation



Pending Publications

4 papers under review at various journals



Studies in progress 16



- Then and now!
 - **1993** (\$125,000)
 - Step by step.
 - Progression
 - Basic Science
 - Clinical Trails (18-30 cohort, 6 weeks/months)
 - -2008 (\$400,000+)
 - Boutique Science
 - Cutting Edge and Beyond
 - Clinical Trials (60-200, 6 months/2 years)
 - Competition for Publication





Referendum

- The 2008 Referendum Canceled
 - The bar codes on the envelops were printed incorrectly by the State printing office.
 - Ballots were sent to mail limbo.
 - No way to recover
- New Referendum to be scheduled for later this year or Spring 2010



Regulatory

- Section 18 for Manex/Maneb
 - Early issuance get out for your supply *NOW*!
 - Shorter supply and competition from row crops!
- UN/ECE
 - In-shell trial suspended.
 - 2002 Standard in effect (we are standing fast)!
- Critical Use Exemption for Methyl Bromide
 - 75% cut for 2010.





Questions?

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