

## CALIFORNIA WALNUTS: An Industry Working Together



**California Walnut Board & Commission** 



# ONE INDUSTRY WORKING TOGETHER TO BUILD DEMAND WORLDVIDE

## WHAT IS WORKING TOGETHER?



- You the grower produce the highest quality
- Handlers supply and service the markets
- The Board & Commission
  - Fund Production Research
  - Direct the Health Research Program
  - Work to open new markets
  - Give you a regulatory voice
  - Increase use and usage among target audiences

## KEY BOARD ACTIVITIES Walker



- Production Research
- Food Safety
- Grades & Standards
- Regulatory Matters
- U.S. Marketing to Build Demand
- Volume Control

The Foundation of Success

## KEY COMMISSION ACTIVITIES

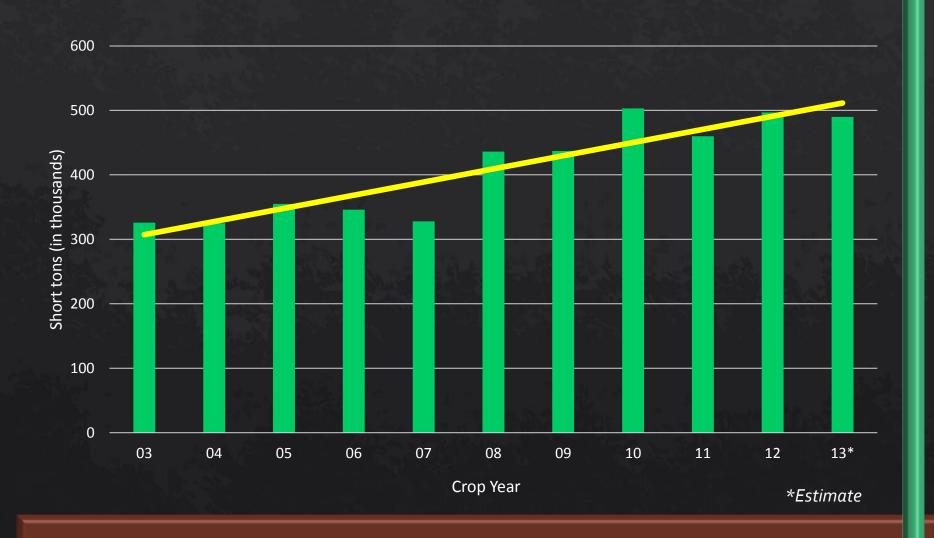


- Health & Nutrition Research
- U.S. & International Market Development
- Educate government officials
  - Non-tariff trade barriers
  - Trade Policy (FTA)
  - Regulatory Issues
- Communication within the Industry

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## Walnuts

## **PRODUCTION**



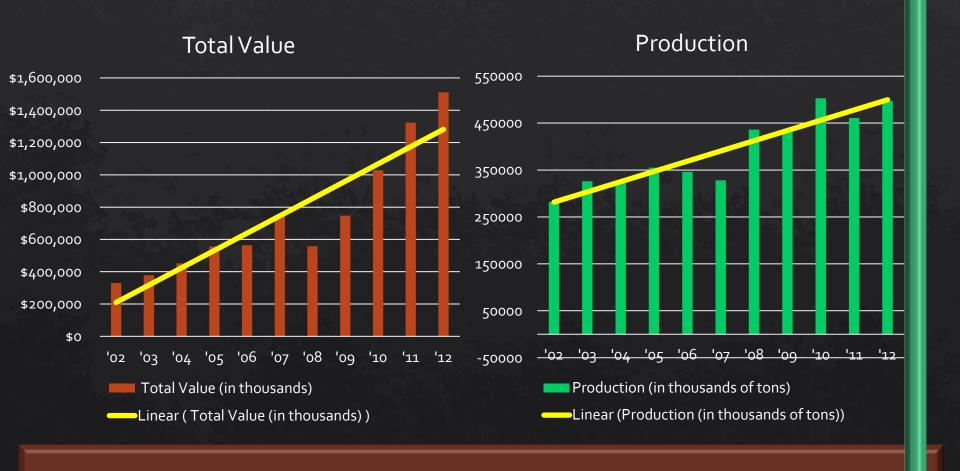
## AVERAGE WALNUT PRICES





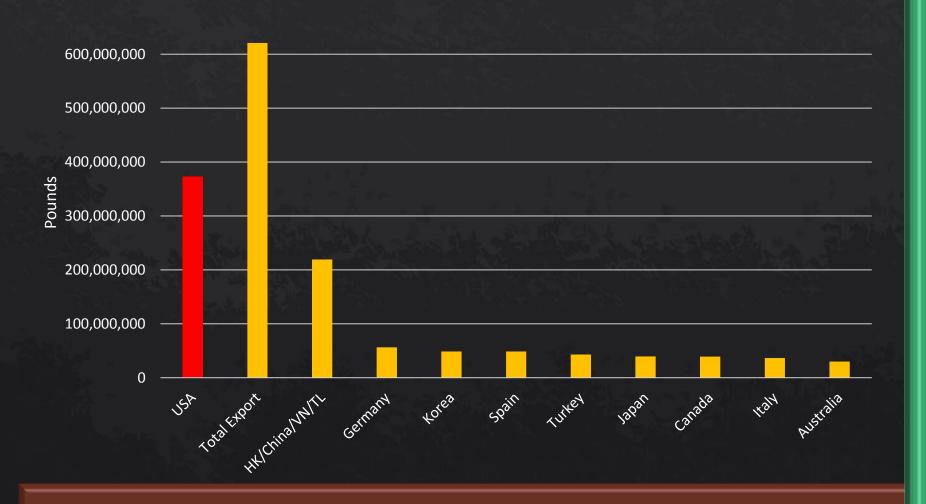
## VALUE & PRODUCTION







## 2012TOP MARKETS



## Growing Our Industry Walker







## WORKING TOGETHER: PRODUCTION RESEARCH ACTIVITIES



## **IPM Innovator Award**







## 2013/14 ACTIVITIES

21 Projects, \$1.5 Million focused on:

- Genetic Improvement: \$520,000
- Pathology/Nematology: \$400,000
- Orchard Management: \$390,000
- Entomology: \$273,000

UC Davis Endowment now at \$2 Million





Resistant Rootstocks Molecular **Markers** 

**Traditional** Breeding





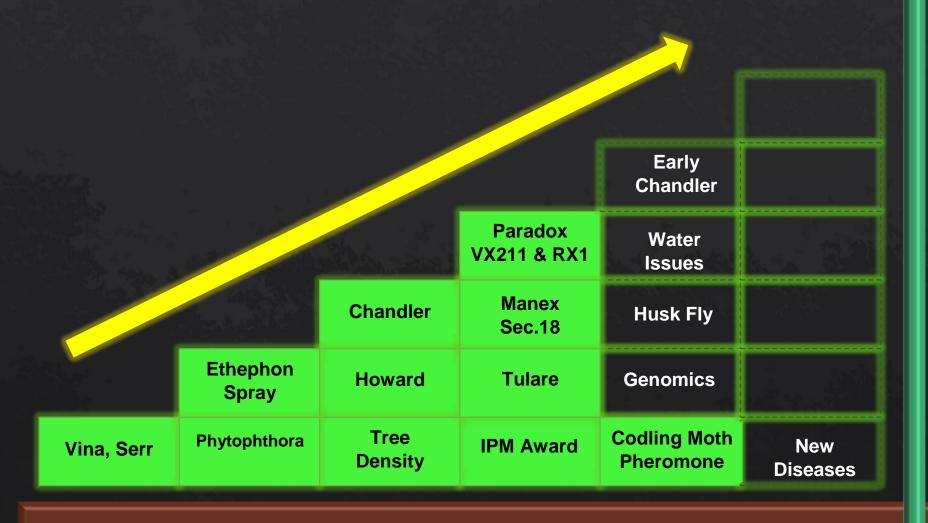
Chandler

Howard

Tulare

## BUILDING DEMAND THROUGH PRODUCTION RESEARCH





## A SUSTAINABLE INDUSTRY



- Systematic review of past 20 years
- Paper developed demonstrating progress
- Better use of sprays, softer products
- Progress in irrigation, pruning
- CM disruption reduces pesticide use
- Better rootstocks and varieties



## WORKING TOGETHER: HEALTH RESEARCH





#### **AREAS OF RESEARCH**

- Cardiovascular
- Cancer
- Cognition
- Diabetes

- Male Reproductive Health
- Weight Management
- AntioxidantProperties

120+ Papers Published





First study Loma Linda NEJM

Scientific Advisory Council ('95)

FDA Health Claim

1.4 billion
impressions



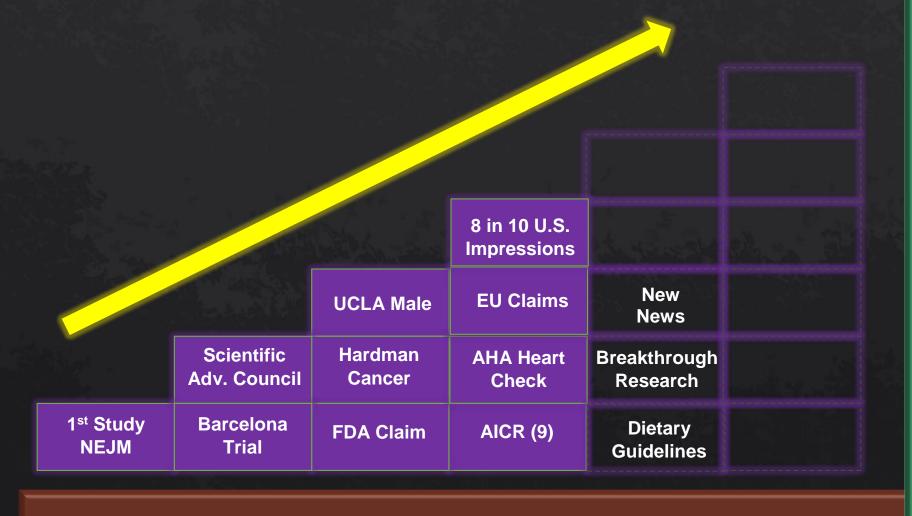


1<sup>st</sup> AICR Grant ('05) AHA Heart-Check

EU Health Claims

## BUILDING DEMAND THROUGH HEALTH RESEARCH





## CHANGE IN CONSUMER PERCEPTIONS



1987 – 0% purchased walnuts for their health benefits

2013 — 84% believe walnuts are healthy & health is the #1 reason for purchase



## WORKING TOGETHER: MARKET DEVELOPMENT



#### **KEY ACTIVITIES**



- Build Demand in Existing Markets
- Evaluate and Prioritize Markets
- Opening New Markets
- Supplement Industry Funds
  - Market Access (MAP) and other federal grant programs

## MARKET DEVELOPMENT



Japan NPDC

German Discounters

Korea Inshell Access

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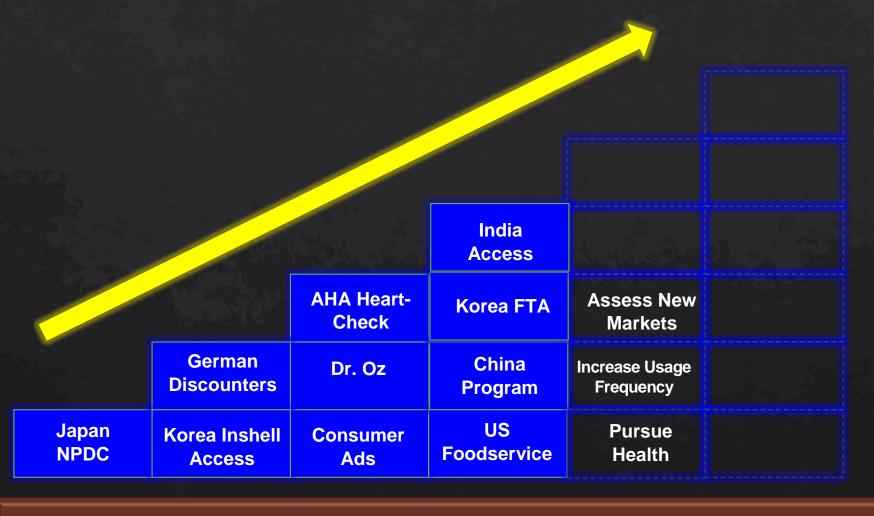


China Program Begins

Korea FTA

India Access

## BUILDING DEMAND THROUGH MARKET DEVELOPMENT



## Walnuts

#### **MARKETING TACTICS**

**Public Relations** 

**Advertising** 

**Partnerships** 

**Media Events** 

**Bakery Tie-Ins** 



**Trade Promotion** 

**Social Media** 

**Food Service Promotions** 

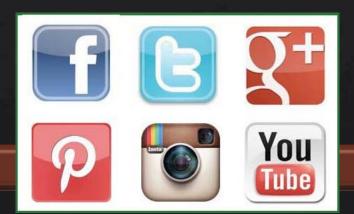
**Opinion Leader Outreach** 

**Retail Promotions** 



#### U.S. USAGE PROGRAM

- "Simple Goodness" Social Media Campaign
  - Focus on simple every day uses
  - Short how-to videos
  - Recipe contest "How do you use walnuts?"





#### U.S. HEALTH PROGRAM



- Academy of Nutrition & Dietetics show
  - 8,000+ dietitians
  - Book signing & RD video
  - Media Dinner
  - 1150 E-newsletter signups



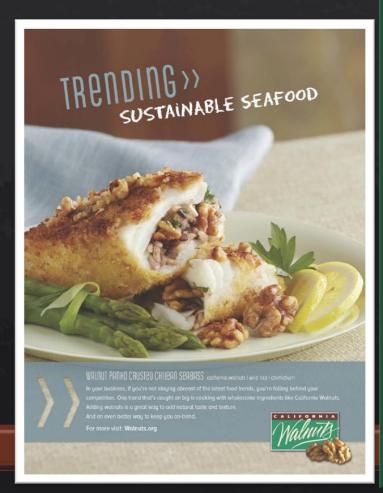
#### **NEW!**



#### U.S. FOODSERVICE PROGRAM

- Walnut Summit at the Culinary Institute of America
- Foodservice Promotions
- Advertising





#### **INDIA**



Trade Advertising

California Walnuts
Presenting new opportunities for the Indian Dry Fruit Trade







#### Social Media Engagement





#美国加州核桃早餐计划#一个人吃早餐是好好爱自己,两个人吃早餐是且行且珍惜。为自己或者朋友同事送上一份美国加州核桃协会精心准备的营养早餐吧,让寒冷的早晨充满浓浓的爱意 ❤️立刻报名参加我们的活动,就有机会在11.26日从猛男手上收到一份美国加州核桃三明治哦(仅限上海)http://t.cn/8DFGVX8



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## **KOREA**



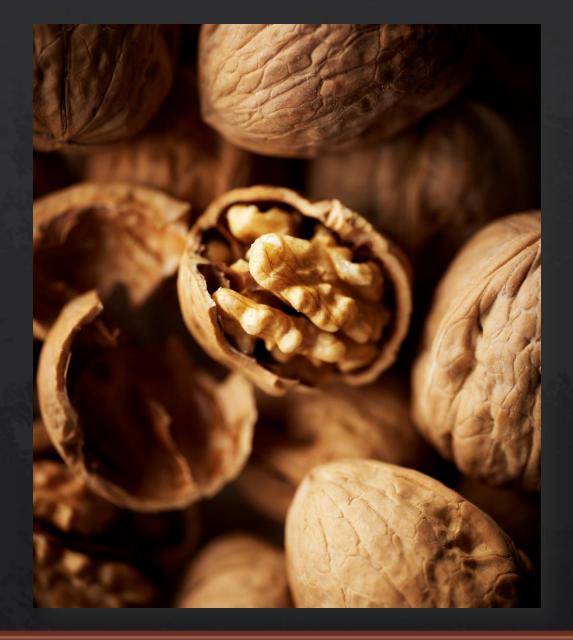
Opinion Leader Outreach





Korean Nutrition Society





### CALIFORNIA WALNUTS Walnut





DEMAND



# THERE'S STILL MORE WORK TO DO

- Good Inventory Position
- Only reached <u>one-third</u> of domestic consumption potential
- Building new export markets
- Expand health research program

# California Walnut Board Continuation Referendum

- First Time Result of 2008 Order revision
- One simple yes or no vote on the ballot
- Vote to continue operation of the Board
- Ballots to be mailed March 31, 2014 by USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service
- Ballots must be postmarked no later than April 19, 2014

### Walnuts.org



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Walnut Industry





#### Walnut Industry

Did you know? The California Walnut Board, established in 1948, and the California Walnut Commission, established in 1987, represent the interests of the 4000+ walnut growers and the nearly 100 handlers spread across California's Central Valley. The industry generates \$1.4 billion in farm gate revenue and supports some 60,000 jobs directly and indirectly.









#### THANKYOU!

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### **APPENDIX**

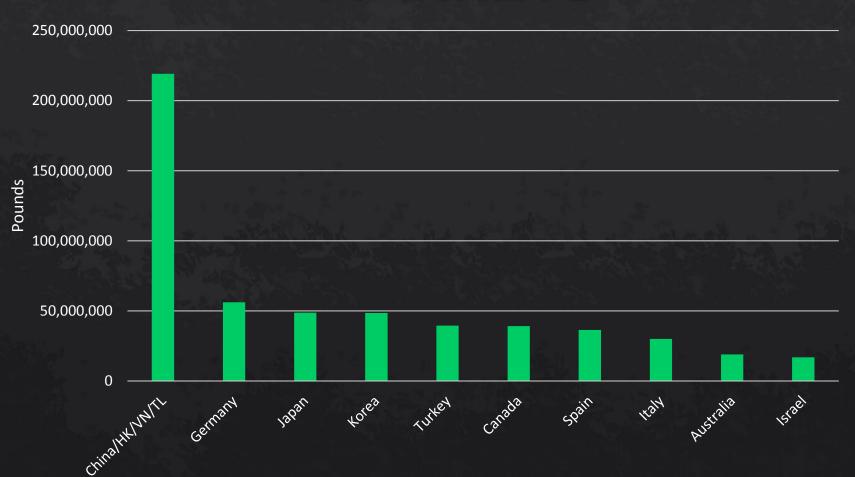


### **BEARING ACREAGE**



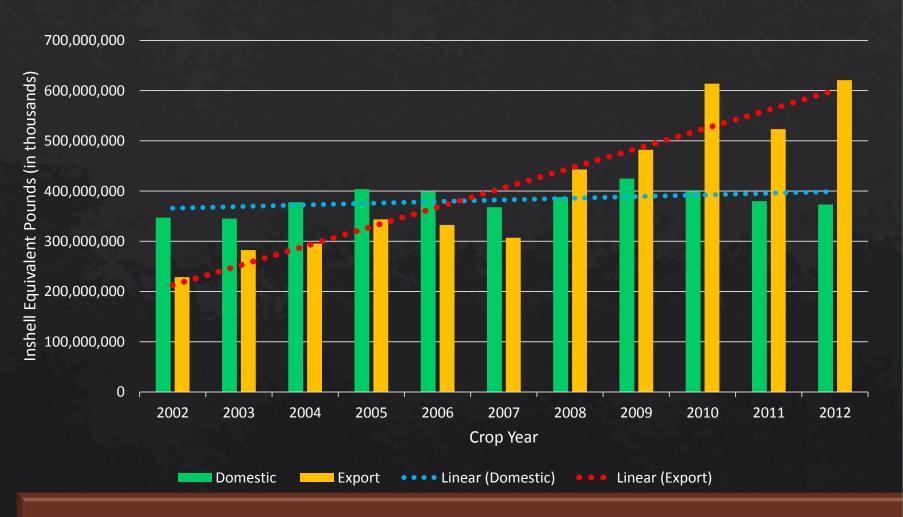
## 2012 TOP EXPORT MARKETS





## DOMESTIC & EXPORT SHIPMENTS





### SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE



The term "sustainable agriculture" means an integrated system of plant and animal production practices having a site-specific application that will over the long-term:

- Satisfy human food and fiber needs.
- Enhance environmental quality and the natural resource base upon which the agriculture economy depends.
- Make the most efficient use of nonrenewable resources and on-farm resources and integrate, where appropriate, natural biological cycles and controls.
- Sustain the economic viability of farm operations.
- Enhance the quality of life for farmers and society as a whole.

### U.S. OPTIMIZED HEALTH PERCEPTION



Mediterranean diet may be better for your heart than cutting down on fat. "The Mediterranean diet is rich in "healthy fats" like omega-3 fatty acids found in walnuts, but is low in saturated fats from fried foods." (CBS News, 2/25/2013)

Walnuts: The Original Health Nut

"Studies show regular walnut consumption is associated with lowering bad cholesterol, raising good cholesterol and lowering risk for heart disease. In animal studies, walnuts have even been associated with slowing breast cancer growth."

(NYTimes.com, 10/02/2009)

2009

2013

"Need a Snack?

Walnuts were found to reduce inflammation and oxidation of the arteries by harmful fats, which can lead to heart disease." (Time Magazine, 12/25/06)

Good for Salads & Snacks (USA Weekend, 9/23/01)

2001

A Good Reason to Be Nuts About Walnuts
"Walnuts pack a more potent heart-health punch
than other nuts." (WebMD, 1/05/12)

Eating walnuts daily can give sperm an extra kick. "A couple of

handfuls of walnuts a day can make a man's sperm stronger,

faster and prettier, researchers said – and it's possible the nuts

could provide a natural solution for some men with fertility

problems." (NBC News, 8/17/2012)

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

990 1995

Good Fat vs. Bad Fat: Nuts are Good (LA Times Syndicate 2/22/95)



### MARKETING IN THE U.S.



#### BOARD

- PR on Taste Messaging
- Consumer Advertising
- Website
- Social Media
- Foodservice
- Market Research
- Sponsorships
   (HealthCorps, DFA, Ag in the Classroom, Center for Land-Based Learning, etc)

#### **COMMISSION**

- PR on Health Benefits and Research Studies
- Key Opinion Leaders
- Tradeshows & Conferences
- Health Professional Advertising
- Health Professional Outreach
- Industry Outreach