

## **China: producción de almendras crecerá 24%**

China's shelled almond production is forecast at 52,000 MT in MY 2022/23 (August-July), an increase of nearly 24 percent on year, according to contacts in Xinjiang.

The production gains are driven by favorable growing conditions in Shache county of Xinjiang province which produces more than 95 percent of the country's total almonds. In MY 2021/22, Shache harvested a smaller crop due to a spring frost, which lowered production.

Almond acreage is currently estimated at 60,200 hectares in MY 2022/23, a decrease of 4 percent from the previous year, as local contacts indicate that farmers are removing some low yielding orchards.

On the other hand, other recently grafted trees have reached the peak production phase, which is expected to support greater production in MY 2022/23. In general, the Xinjiang almond yield is low compared to overseas competitors as the almond varieties planted have lower yields.

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