

## MARKET REPORT September 2015 / 01

## **Almonds**

On Friday evening 11<sup>th</sup> September the Almond Board of California released their August 2015 Almond Industry Position Report confirming shipments of 126.1 million lbs, a reduction of 11% on last year's 141.6 million lbs.

US domestic shipments were up by 5.5% for the month, with declines to all other major destinations including Asia -29%, Middle East/Africa -24%, Western Europe -10% and Eastern Europe -3%. The most surprising news from this report is that Chinese shipments were off 31% and India 37% compared to August 2014. California had expected strong shipments to India, but a combination of the high in-shell price levels, prices in the Indian market being lower than replacement offers from California and that Australia had already completed good sales to India, all resulted in lower than expected shipment figures. It's also important to note: US domestic shipments hit a new record for the month of August, so despite the high prices, consumption in the domestic market has not diminished [demand continues to increase for Almond Butter and Almond Milk].

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