

2019 Pistachio crop

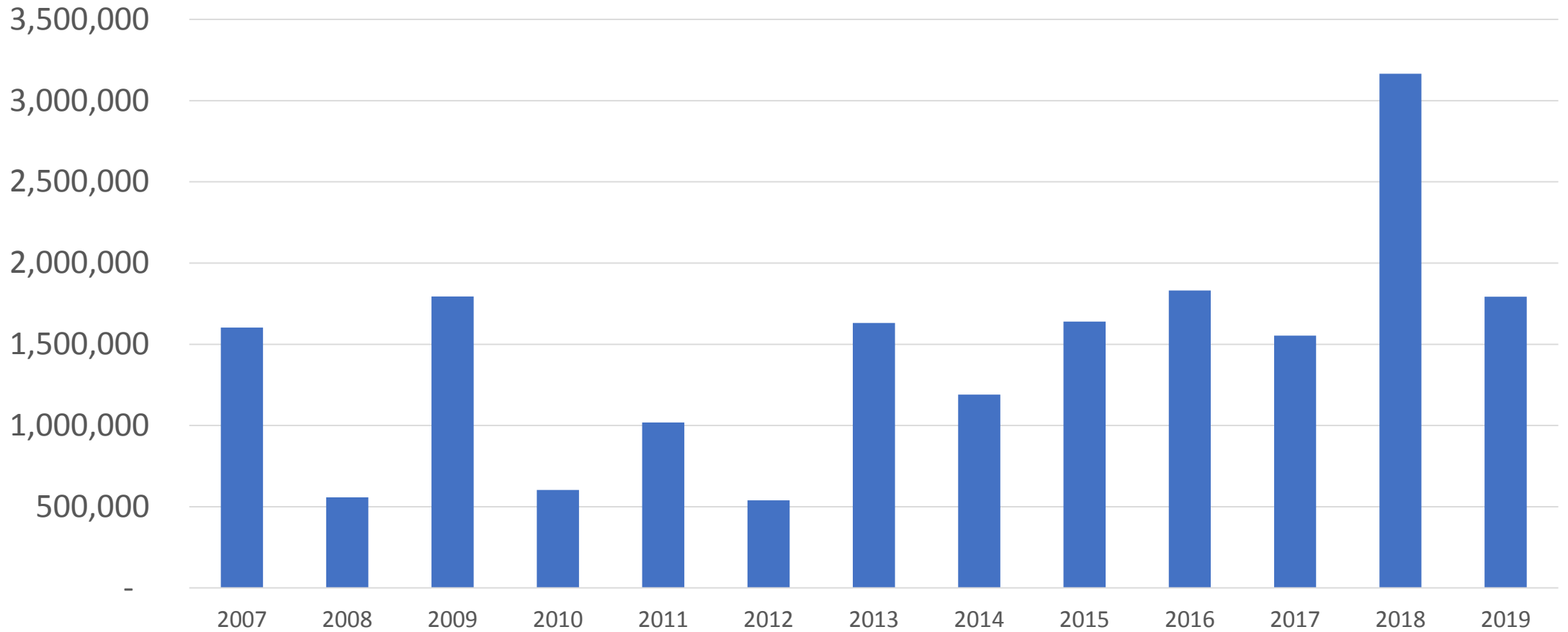


A good “*off-crop*”

2019 was a mix of :

- Great results from young trees, continuing high yields from well grown young trees.
- Mitigated alternate bearing from the two orchards following “Jianlu pruning”
- Many growers with Off-crops of 20-30% of the 2018 crop
- Some disaster crops of 0% to 15% of the 2018 crop.

2019 – a good off-crop



2019 crop as a % of 2018 crop

Poor performers		Average performers		Jianlu Pruning	
Grower Number	% 2019 Vs 2018	Grower Number	% 2019 Vs 2018	Grower Number	% 2019 Vs 2018
7	0%	14	22%	22	60%
26	3%	11	27%	1	55%
18	13%	9	27%		
21	15%	27	28%		
		4	30%		
		24	30%		
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2019 Nut Size

- Well managed orchards had large nut size. The largest nuts came from the orchard with very high kg/ha,
- Some orchards had small nut size despite low yields.

This demonstrates that unlike most fruits, pistachio nut size is not dependant on crop load. The key factors are :

Winter chill

Spring weather

Cultivation practices.

Well managed orchards did very well

- Nut quality generally good. Low Dark Stain
- Most orchards reporting good bud set for 2020
- Prices look similar to 2018, maybe a fraction lower.

2019 Quality Generally Good

- Dark Stain was low
- Closed shell a little above average, mainly from high closed shell in early deliveries.
Pistachioitis claimed more victims – the uncontrollable urge to shake trees too early.
- Trash levels generally good, but, there were some loads which substantially slowed the plant. Anything that slows the plant in 2020 will be a problem.

The Future

- APPC will send out individual returns to each grower in about mid-May.
- PGA will also send out the bench marking results so growers can see how they compare to other growers. (This will include the alternate bearing results)
- Prices for 2019 look similar but perhaps a little below the final 2018 crop prices. (A review upwards of the estimated final 2018 returns will go to growers next week). APPC will advise price indications in mid-May
- Most growers reporting good bud set for 2020 crop.
- APPC planning for a crop similar in size as 2018.

Apologies for non attendance
the future continues to look bright and green

