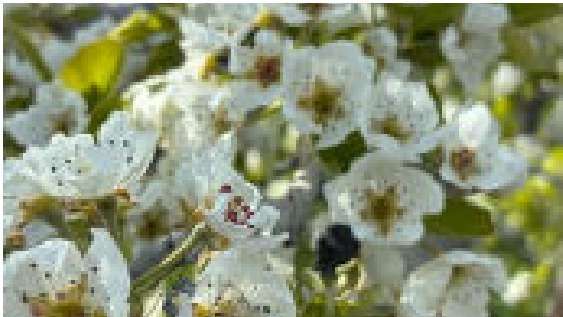




# CROP REPORT



## PEARS



**River and Linden Districts** – Crop size appears to be average. Fruit is still developing ahead of normal timing. Trees are starting to drop small fruit. Cultural practices continue in all orchards.

**Mendocino and Lake Districts** – Nights have been cold, so growers have been monitoring for frost. There has been frost events in Lake County, but no damage has been seen. Crop appears to be average in size and remains to be ahead of last year's timing.

**Pacific Northwest** – Bloom has ranged from average to below average across the Pacific Northwest. Orchards are currently between full bloom and petal fall/early fruit set. Recent cold nights have caused some sporadic frost damage across multiple growing districts, with additional frost risk still in the forecast. Damage is still being assessed as fruit sets. Too early to determine overall impact on the total volume, though there appears to be plenty of live flowers to support an average crop. Pear development remains 7–10 days ahead of last year, though cooler weather is slowing progress.



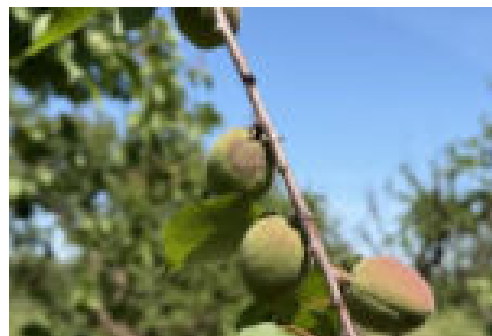
## APPLES

There is a good to average bud set. Potential for a healthy crop of apples. Buds are primarily at tight cluster stage. Growers are finishing pruning the last of their orchards and preparing for the growing season.



## APRICOTS

The apricot crop continues to look above average. Growers who thinned earlier are now beginning to see the benefits. Recent wet weather has not had any negative impact on the crop, and no hail damage has been reported. The crop remains approximately 10 to 14 days ahead of schedule, which would indicate harvest beginning during the first week of June.





## PEACHES

**Southern Conventional Peaches** - The fruit set appears to be inconsistent. While some orchards seem to be heavier set than others, the crop appears to be lighter than expected with very little thinning needed in some varieties. Some growers have started thinning their extra early varieties, but most growers will hold off on thinning, until the natural shedding is complete. Heavier set orchards will benefit from early thinning to help achieve sizing standards. Normal cultural practices continue in all orchards.

**Organic Peaches** - Fruit is progressing nicely. Thinning continues and growers are working on pruning out dead limbs and applying fertilizer. The American, Stanislaus and Klamath varieties look like a lighter crop. Growers are irrigating as needed.

**Northern Conventional Peaches** - The peach crop is an average crop assuming the climate remains in favor. Growers have started to thin orchards and will continue as needed. All maintenances and operations are according to schedule.



## CHERRIES

The Pacific Northwest cherries had an overall average bloom, with a slightly above-average bloom in the Willamette Valley. Cooler weather in recent weeks have led to some frost impacts across growing districts, with more noticeable effects in northern Washington and minimal impact in the Willamette Valley. Growers have been proactive in deploying frost protection measures, and these efforts continue as temperatures fluctuate. While evaluations are ongoing, early assessments suggest an overall reduction that remains within manageable levels, with ample healthy flowers in place to support an average crop. Most orchards are past full bloom and into petal fall, with early districts already seeing visible fruit on early varieties. Development remains 7-10 days ahead of last year, though recent cool temperatures have narrowed that gap. First harvest deliveries estimated to arrive around the first week of June.



## TOMATOES

**Organics** - Transplanting has been completed. Plants are growing nicely and looking healthy. We experienced a light rain, which did not cause any troubles.

**San Marzano Style Tomatoes** - Transplanting has begun and will continue through the start of May. Transplanting should be completed by mid-May. Plants are looking strong and healthy.



**Conventional Tomatoes** - Transplanting continues and going relatively smooth. Currently we are in the mid-season of our planting schedule. We experienced some rain recently, however it did not disrupt the plantings.

Currently we are about 50 to 55% planted, which is on schedule, if not, ahead of schedule. Early plantings are growing nicely.



## GRAPES

The grape crop is currently running approximately 14 days ahead of last year. Overall volumes appear sufficient to meet targeted tonnage. Bunch counts are adequate; however, cluster sizes are smaller than normal at this stage. One possible benefit for this smaller size could be larger than normal berries. Crop protection materials continue to be applied as needed, along with standard cultural practices.





## PINEAPPLE

Thailand's pineapple crop for the 2026 season shows signs of recovery after several years of severe challenges. Production had plummeted due to El Niño-driven drought, extreme heat, and weather extremes, with output falling sharply to around 1.03 million tons in 2023 and further to roughly 600,000–850,000 tons in 2024–2025—well below the historical average of about 1.35 million tons.

This led to tight supplies for the canned pineapple industry, underutilized processing capacity, record-high prices, and elevated export prices.



As of early 2026, Thailand's Ministry of Commerce projects pineapple production at 1.3 million tons for the year, a 10% increase from the previous season, amid overall fruit output rising 5.8%.

While full recovery to pre-drought levels may take time and depends on favorable rainfall and growing conditions, the outlook points to improved raw material availability for canning factories, potentially easing supply constraints in the global canned pineapple market where Thailand remains a top exporter. Market analysts expect continued firmness in prices through much of 2026 due to lingering tightness.

## WHAT WE HAVE BEEN UP TO..

The Healthy Kids Collaborative (HKC) is a national, year-round initiative led by the Culinary Institute of America (CIA) that brings together school nutrition leaders, chefs, foodservice operators, suppliers, and allied organizations to advance culinary-driven, healthy, and appealing food for K–12 students. HKC is designed to accelerate innovation in school meals by combining culinary expertise with nutrition science and real-world school foodservice operations. Members collaborate to develop and test recipes, share best practices, and create practical resources that help schools elevate flavor, expand scratch cooking, and increase student engagement while meeting nutrition standards.

Through our partnership with HKC, we were partnered with Chef Kevin, of Garland School District in Texas. Together, we brought flavorful, thoughtfully designed recipes to life with the Bowl Experience—serving and sampling meals with more than 2,000 students. Developed alongside Chef Kevin with student preferences and nutrition top of mind, the recipes invited students to build, taste, and enjoy bowls that delivered both creativity and crave-ability. The experience sparked excitement in the cafeteria and offered real-time feedback that will help shape future school-ready menu solutions.

