

San Joaquin County, CA – Middle River Almond Ranch

Post Harvest Update

AT MANAGEMENT NOTES

The Property was purchased on October 6th and drew down the development loan to put up deposits for the tree purchase, tile work and irrigation. Tractors were onsite a couple of days after closing to begin dirt work, we are also making application to enroll the property in the Williamson Act which grants reductions for farm property taxes.

The ground development is underway and planned to be finished before the winter rains start. In process are the dirt grading and leveling. Following will be the drainage tile system installation, and finally the irrigation system. The planting of the trees will be in Spring 2021.

CROP STATUS

21,700 trees have been ordered with a 50% deposit paid to Duarte Nursery. The trees are half Nonpareil and half Bennett Hickman, both on Krymsk root stock. The Krymsk root stock was chosen for the trees due to the strong root anchorage for the delta winds and resistance to phytophthora (root rot) from prolonged periods of wet soil (river delta).

The standard for planting an orchard is alternate pollinator rows. One row Bennett Hickman and the next Nonpareil. The Bennett Hickman variety has a similar bloom time to the Nonpareil both before and after. The nut quality is very compatible to the Nonpareil and some processors pay the same for Bennett Hickman as Nonpareil.



Tractors on the property beginning the development.



The ranch prior to dirt work beginning.