



Shafter area almond grower

Grower committed to full Ultra Gro program trial on a split block in Shafter, Ca. beginning in the Fall of '07. The block used for the Ultra Gro product was the "low-performing" half of the field. Yield data was very exact and broke the yields down by variety. This trial consists of the non-pareils from both blocks for the '07 and '08 crops. The Ultra Gro program consisted of; post-harvest application in Fall of '07 inclusive of both soil and NPK apps, pink bud and petal fall foliars, Soil Treatment and Calcium Complex application in the Spring of '08. Results for '08 harvest showed a 68% increase from 2118 pounds in '07 to 3575 pounds per acre on the Ultra Gro block. At the same, the control block showed an increase from '07 to '08 of 6% from 3031 pounds per acre in '07 to 3222 in '08. The Ultra Gro "low-performing" block ended up out-yielding the stronger block, used 15% less N (250 lbs vs 300 lbs), and, concurrently increased the turnouts from 28% to 32.5%. To quote the farmer, *"those results are a lot more than a blip on the radar!"*