

## Stanislaus County almond farmer

A large almond farmer that has been using the UG Soil Treatment and Calcium Complex for several years for water penetration grudgingly tried the UG full nutrition program (Post-Harvest, Pre-Pink Bud, Petal Fall and June Soil Treatment/Calcium Application). After an original forty acre commitment, he started in earnest on 290 acres of a 550 acre block in 2005. After the first season, the grower weighed the difference between the control block and the UG Block. He found a 600 pound difference in favor of the Ultra Gro Program and also confirmed that nut sizing was favorably impacted. As a result, his acreage using the full UG Program has increased from the initial trial of 260 acres to 2,300 acres. In the last two seasons we have continued to show a positive difference versus the rest of the ranches. The 2008 almonds were tested for weight and size and the program continued to produce a positive difference for the grower.