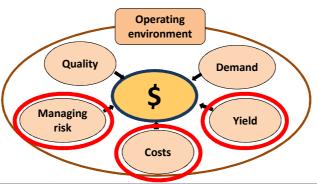
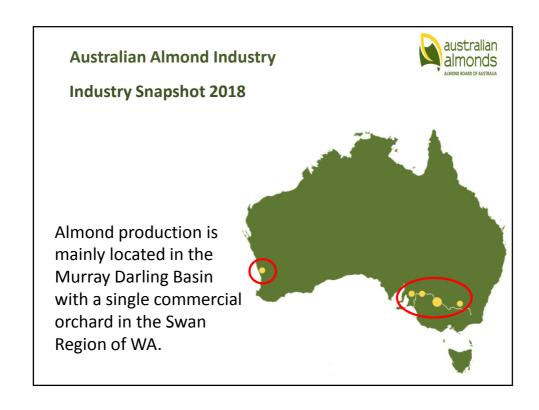




The Almond Board of Australia is charged with guiding the development of the industry through implementing our Strategic Plan. The aim of the Plan is to grow the industry in profitable and sustainable manner.



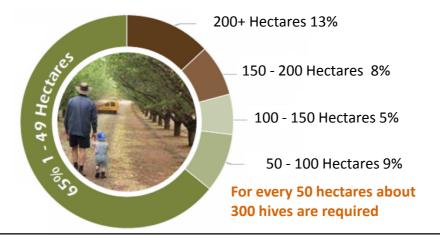






# **Industry Snapshot 2018**

There are fewer than 200 almond producers in the Australian almond industry.



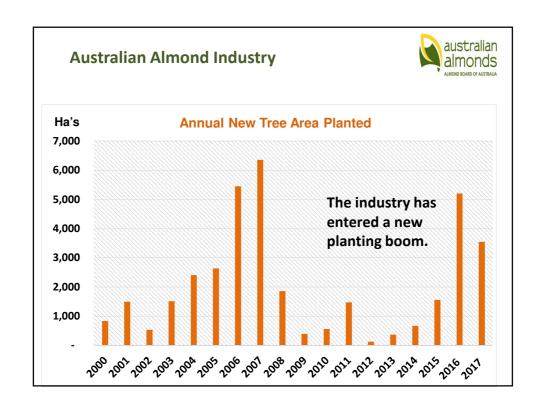
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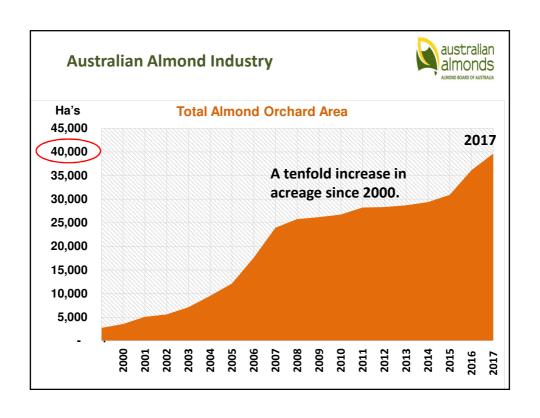


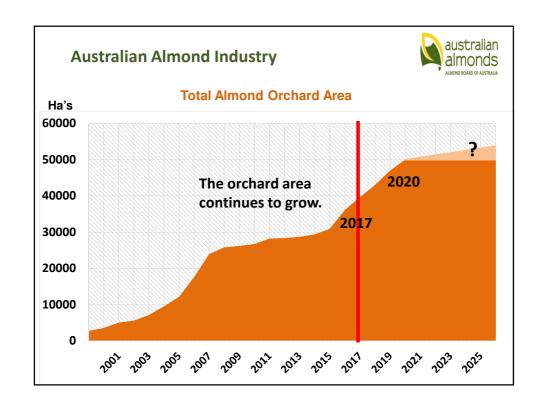
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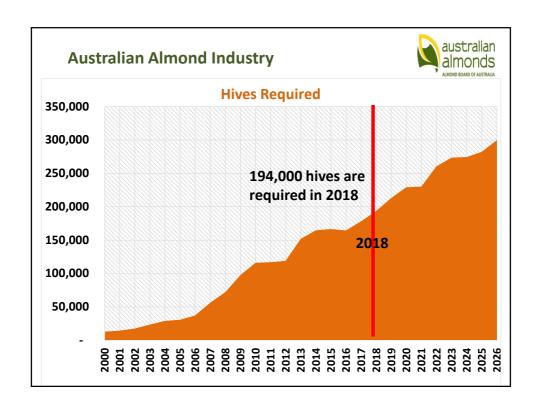
In the past three years, major new corporate orchard plantings have commenced and family enterprises are also investing in almond orchards.

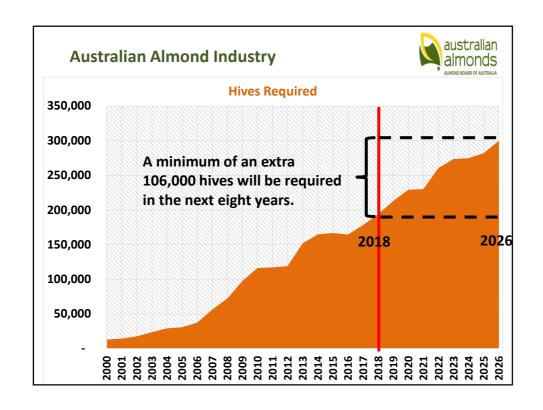














## Pollination & water availability are keys to more orchard growth.

## 2016 - 30,000 hectares

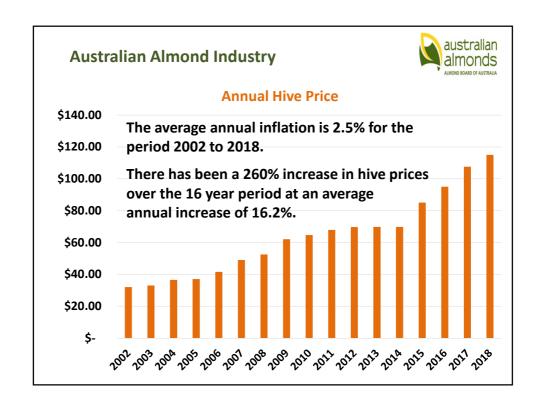
Hive Requirements: **164,000** hives Water Requirement: **450,000** megalitres

#### 2018 - 40,000 hectares

Hive Requirements: 194,000 hives 18% increase Water Requirement: 600,000 megalitres

## 2026 - 50,000 hectares

Minimum Hive Requirements: 300,000 hives 55% increase Water Requirement: 750,000 megalitres





## **ABA Pollination Committee**

Pollination surety is a concern due to increased almond plantings and alternate use in August to produce honey, potentially reducing supply.

#### Committee members:

Neale Bennett, ABA Chair is the Committee Chair

Ian Zadow - IM & MJ Zadow

Doug Somerville - NSW Dept of Primary Industries

Ben Brown - Select Harvests Ltd

Robert Wheatley - Olam Orchards Australia

Peter Cavallaro - Walker Flat Almonds

Drew Martin - Omega Orchards

Brett Rosenzweig - Almond Board of Australia



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The ABA Pollination Committee is addressing:

Increasing hive numbers



The ABA supports bee keepers access to State and National Parks to enable an expansion of the honey bee industry.

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The almond industry is supporting the sentinel hive program through Hort Innovation levy funding of \$375,000 until 2021.

Sentinel hive at Port Kembla

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The almond EPPRD Levy has been activated at \$1.33 per tonne for three years to pay the almond industry proportion (\$317,000) for the eradication of the Varroa Jacobsoni incursion.

Plant Health

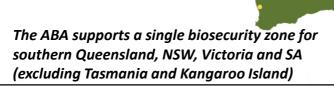


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- Promoting orchard best practices such as:
  - weed free sites
  - placement and hive drop sizes for optimising pollination
  - staged build up and withdrawal of hives
  - supplementary flowering covercrops / vegetation
  - chemical spray program management



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  - mechanical application
  - new production systems with smaller trees
  - self fertile varieties

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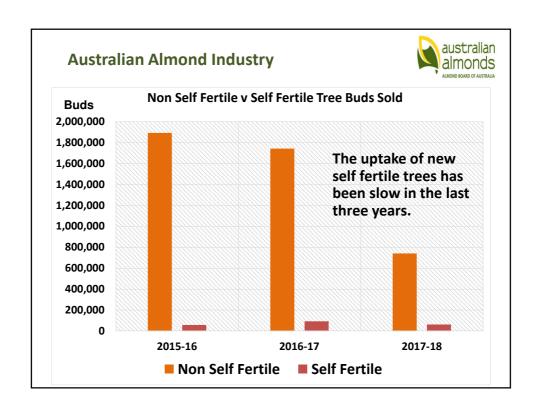
#### Carina

Origin: seedling derived from the cross "Nonpareil" x "Lauranne" made in 1998.

A self fertile variety









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- Building strong relations with beekeepers as the wellbeing of both industries are intertwined.





Almonds are Australia's most valuable hort export product
East Asia is an emerging market for Australian almonds

