

## MEXICO ANTIDUMPING CASE UPDATE

On Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, the Mexican government released the final decision on the antidumping investigation against the United States. The Mexican government indicated that U.S. prices did not have any harmful effects on Mexico apple producers and as a result has reversed a previous decision to charge provisional duty payments on imports. In addition, all fees that were paid between January and June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 must be returned with interest. The decision ends an investigation that began in 2014. The Commission will provide more details in the near future.

## MEXICO INSPECTOR

In early August, the Mexico inspector will arrive in California to start the California/Mexico apple export program. In ordinance with the California/Mexico work plan, the Mexico inspector must certify all packing sheds and fumigation chambers intending on exporting apples to Mexico. Due to the reduction in Mexican oversight, the Mexico Inspector will be in California initially and then periodically thereafter. If you would like to be added to the list of acceptable packing sheds, please contact the Commission office. If you have any questions regarding the Mexico Export Program, please contact Todd Sanders at the Commission office.

## TAIWAN TRAINING SEMINAR

In July 2016, the California Apple Commission will be hosting the Taiwan training seminar. The seminar is organized in conjunction with USDA-APHIS with the intent on training the necessary personnel from different packing sheds in the process of detecting Codling Moth as outlined by the Taiwan work plan. The Commission will be sending out a notice of the location and time of the training seminar in the very near future. If you would like to participate or want more information, please contact the Commission office.

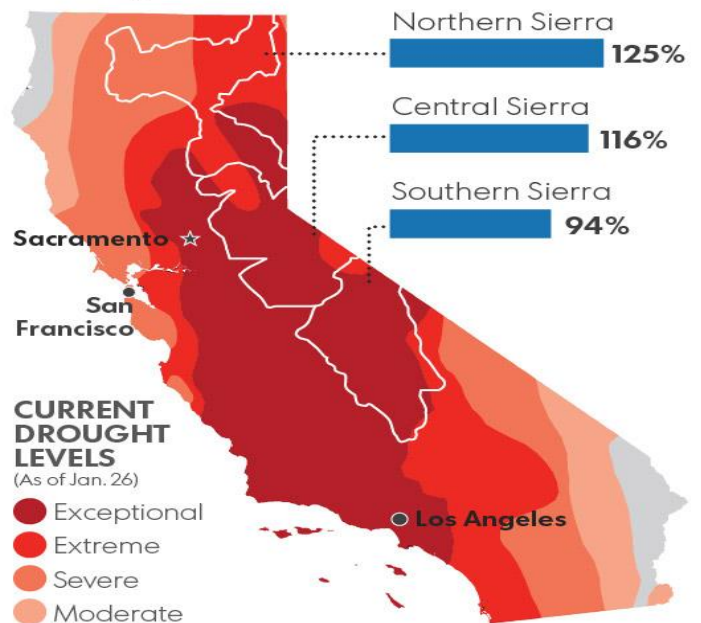
## US APPLE EXPORT COUNCIL

In mid-August, the California Apple Commission will attend the US Apple Export Council meeting in Chicago. This meeting is paired with the US Apple annual meeting and is

designed to have the participating States meet and discuss the crop outlook and the status of the Council. If you have any questions or comments regarding the meeting, please contact the Commission office.

## MAKING A DENT IN THE DROUGHT

California's snowpack is at its highest level in five years. Current snowpack compared to average levels:



SOURCES: California Cooperative Snow Surveys, National Drought Mitigation Center  
Janef Loehrke and Doyle Rice, USA TODAY



## WATER CONSERVATION UP IN APRIL

On June 6<sup>th</sup>, the State Water Resources Control Board applauded a high water conservation level in April. A 26.1 percent decrease over the 2013 percentage. Although this is great news, the board continued to stress that water conservation needs to remain a top priority as this California drought continues into its 5<sup>th</sup> year. This past winter, Northern California had a near average rain fall, but 60 percent of California still remains in severe drought. The newly adjusted State Water Board regulation places responsibility on each local water supplier to calculate its own conservation standards for customers based on a "stress

test.” This requires them to prove they have sufficient water supplies that would withstand three years of continuous drought. They also have the option to take additional measures that include mandatory conservation targets. Water suppliers that fail to meet these new conservation standards could face punishment from the State Water Board. *Read more about this article at [saveourwater.com](http://saveourwater.com).*

### CAC ANNUAL REPORT

In the near future please be on the lookout for the California Apple Commission Annual Report. The Annual Report includes information on the current and future research, education projects, market reports, and other pertinent industry information. If you would like a hard copy, please contact the Commission office.

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### APPLE BITES APPLE, MAPLE & PB DIP

- 3/4 cup California Braeburn apple, cored, cut into small pieces
- 1 cup smooth peanut butter
- 1/2 tsp vanilla extract
- 2 tsp maple syrup
- Pinch kosher salt
- 4- 6 oz roasted salted peanuts or honey roasted nuts, crumbled and smashed
- Carrots, celery, crackers and apple slices (for dipping)

#### Directions:

- Blend together all ingredients except nuts.
- (Longer blend time = smoother dip.)
- Remove from food processor.
- Roll mixture into ball. Roll ball in salted nuts.
- Serve with apple slices, carrots, celery or crackers (just like you would a cheese ball!).

Recipe courtesy of U.S. Apple Association Blog; <http://www.usapple.org>

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **United Fresh Convention**  
-Date: June 20-22, 2016  
-Location: Chicago, IL
- **Taiwan Training Seminar**  
-Date: to be determined
- **Mexico Inspector Visit**  
-Date: to be determined
- **US Apple Export Council Meeting**  
-Date: August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
-Location: Chicago, IL
- **US Apple Association Conference**  
-Date: August 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
-Location: Chicago, IL.
- **Asia Fruit Logistica**  
-Date: September 7-9, 2016  
-Location: Hong Kong, China



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