

Taste and Teach

January - Almonds, Pistachios, and Walnuts



Five **Fun Facts** About Nuts!

- Walnuts are the oldest known tree food.
- Almonds, pistachios, and walnuts are harvested using machines called shakers that shake the nuts off the branches.
- California produces 80% of the world's almonds and 99% of the world's pistachios.
- Almond trees are related to peach trees and rose plants.
- Nearly 60% of California grown walnuts are exported.

Four **Fun Teaching Ideas!**

- Watch this video on almonds from the Almond Board of California: www.youtube.com/watch?v=ASwCIdeWKBI
- Have students complete the *Let's Graft* worksheet and crossword puzzle, and learn about the importance of grafting in nut production.
- Find out *What's Growin' On?* with nuts! Check out the pages about almonds, pistachios, and walnuts.
- Go nuts with almonds and walnuts. We offer a free five-lesson unit (grades 3-5) all about California almonds. The resource includes a video and student workbook. We also offer three lesson plans about California walnuts, geared for grades 2-8. Find these free resources and more at **LearnAboutAg.org/resources/lessons**.

Explore all the great almond, pistachio, and walnut resources in this section!

