

Almond Cultivation

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The almond harvest in Kashmir marks an important seasonal and cultural event, and this year's bumper crop has brought smiles to farmers' faces.

About Almond Cultivation

- Almonds are one of the major and oldest **tree nut crops in the world**.
- There are **two types of almonds available**: Sweet almond and bitter almond.
- **Required Climatic Conditions for Almond**
 - **Climate**: Colder regions' climate is suitable for almond farming.
 - **Temperature**: Temperature **ranging between 7°C to 24°C** is considered appropriate.
 - **Soil**: **Deep, loamy, well drained soils** are ideal for almond growing.
 - **Rainfall**: Average rainfall needed is 75 to 110 cm.
 - Almond plants can grow easily at an altitude of **750 to 3200 meters above sea level**.
- **Major Almond farming Countries**: USA, Australia, Spain, Turkey

- **Major Almond farming states :** In India Almond cultivation is mainly done in the hilly parts of colder regions, mainly in **Jammu& Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Kerala** and **some hilly regions of Andhra Pradesh.**
- **Uses:** Almonds are used for various purposes like in **sweets, milk, nuts** used in the food and used in producing oils.
- **Challenges:** Erratic weather patterns, limited access to modern farming techniques, competition from lower-cost imports, shrinking farmlands, and a lack of policy support from authorities.

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