

Blue Diamond Growers welcomes China expansion of specialty crop imports

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On behalf of Blue Diamond's more than 3,000 grower-owners, the co-op is grateful to both USTR and USDA for their efforts to maintain and expand this important trade agreement.

Blue Diamond Growers is the world's leading almond marketer and processor. It led the development of California's almond industry since it was formed as a nonprofit, grower-owned cooperative over 100 years ago. Today Blue Diamond has over 3,000 growers across California. Blue Diamond markets and sells a wide range of almond-based snacks, beverages, and ingredients, including Blue Diamond Snack Almonds®, Nut-Thins® crackers, almond flour, and the number one almondmilk in the U.S., Almond Breeze®.