## Optimal Fresh

The fruit, vegetable and fresh produce expert system



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**Crop** almond

Maturity stage In Shell
Category Nuts
Plant Part Nut

Usage Cooked, Roasted

Botanical name Prunus amygdalus Batsch

**Botanical family** Rosaceae



Picture source: Corel, 1998

#### Alternate names include

### **Refrigerated Container/Coolroom Recommendations**

**Optimum product storage temperature** 

0.0 to 0.0°C

Temperature set point

Add a margin for uncertainty in equipment performance if necessary. For return air control set point add 1°C to delivery set point.

0.5°C

Ventilation (air exchange) settings for containers:

6 m (20') = -

12 m (40') =

-

Acceptable product temperature at loading into container

0.0 to 5.0°C

## **Key Properties**

| Storage time | Humidity | Freezing point | Storage time at | Ventilation |
|--------------|----------|----------------|-----------------|-------------|
| (days)†      | (% RH)   | (°C)           | ambient (~20°C) | rate        |
| 450 - 600    | 60 - 75  | -              | 180 - 180       | -           |

<sup>†</sup> at optimum storage temperature

## **Other Properties**

| Ref | Maturity<br>stage | Air<br>exchange<br>* | Freezing<br>Point<br>(°C) | Ethylene<br>production<br>** | Ethylene<br>sensitivity | Ice<br>compat-<br>ibility | Water<br>loss<br>*** | % Water content | Bruising<br>suscept-<br>ibility |
|-----|-------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 1   | General           |                      | 0                         |                              |                         |                           |                      | 4.4             | Very Low                        |

<sup>\*</sup> Air exchange rates: Nil = 0%; Very low = 25%; Low = 50%; Medium = 100%; High = 200%; Very high = 400% fresh air/hour.

## **Controlled Atmosphere**

| Ref | Maturity stage | % O2 |     | % CO2 |     | Temp°C |     | Benefit of controlled |
|-----|----------------|------|-----|-------|-----|--------|-----|-----------------------|
|     |                | min  | max | min   | max | min    | max | atmosphere            |
| 1   | Shelled        | 0    | 0.5 |       |     | 0      | 5   | Excellent             |

#### Reference notes

1 Vacuum packed

<sup>\*\*</sup> Ethylene production rates at 20°C: Nil = 0 nM; Very low = <4 nM; Low = 4 - 40 nM; Medium = 40 - 400 nM; High = 400 - 4000 nM; Very high =>4000 nM ethylene/kg/hour.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Where % weight loss/week is given this is converted as: Low <= 1%; Medium = 1.1 - 3.4%; High = >3.5%

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## **Compatibility in Mixed Storage**

Temperature compatibility group

| 0 7 | 13 | 20 |
|-----|----|----|
|-----|----|----|

#### **Humidity compatibility group**

| Dry    | Moderate | High   | Very high |
|--------|----------|--------|-----------|
| 60-80% | 80-90%   | 90-95% | 95-100%   |

Not compatible with crops that: Odours will be absorbed by: Absorbs odours from:

#### References for almond

Values quoted in Detailed Report are taken from a compilation of the best set of figures from all references. This best set of figures is always referred to as Reference 1.

See Reference Report for full listing of all values, original references and alternate names.