

California Horticultural Crops Statistical Information 2004

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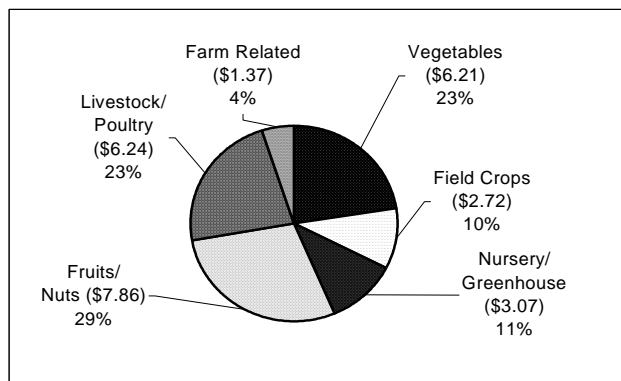
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California's Top 20 Farm Products for 2002

#	Commodity	(Value: \$ in Millions)	
		2001	2002
1	Milk and Cream	4,630	3,812
2	Grapes, All	2,651	2,579
3	Nursery	2,087	2,348
4	Lettuce, All	1,370	1,278
5	Cattle and Calves	1,352	1,229
6	Almonds	732	1,190
7	Strawberries	841	991
8	Flowers and Foliage	998	949
9	Tomatoes, All	766	926
10	Hay, All	1,021	914
11	Cotton, All	658	623
12	Oranges, All	514	559
13	Broccoli	438	488
14	Carrots, All	434	460
15	Chickens, All	532	452
16	Avocados	316	358
17	Pistachios	159	336
18	Potatoes, All	259	307
19	Walnuts	342	305
20	Lemons	212	287

California's Agricultural Gross Cash Income – 2002 \$27.5 Billion



Source: California Department of Food and Agriculture Resources

Ag Fast Facts

- Agriculture is a vital part of California's economic base, supporting 1.1 million jobs, and creating more than \$70 billion in economic activity.
- More than one-quarter (27.7 million) of California's 100 million acres of land were devoted to agricultural production in 2002.
- More than 97 percent of California farms are family farms or partnerships. More than 6 percent of the state's farms are corporations, but more than 80 percent are family-owned corporations.
- In 2002, Americans spent 10 percent of their disposable personal income on food, compared with 21 percent in 1952.
- About 21% of the state's farm operators are under 44 years old, and another 20% are over 70.
- When eating a fruit, nut or vegetable in the U.S. there's a fifty-fifty chance that it was grown in California, since more than half of the nation's fruits, nuts, and vegetables are grown here.
- Agricultural production and gross cash income in 2002 totaled \$27.6 billion.
- Fruit and nut cash receipts in 2002, at \$8.72 billion, increase 22 percent from the previous year.
- In 2002, California's farms decreased to 79,709, about 4% of the nation's total farms, but accounted for more than 13% of the nation's farming receipts.
- California's farms have decreased in number, but increased in size over the last 50 years: 144,000 farms averaged 260 acres in 1950; 79,709 farms averaged 347 acres in 2002.
- In the last 30 years, agriculture's share of water has remained constant, but farmers have boosted production tonnage by 67 percent during the same period.



California's
58 Counties

Selected Commodities and their Rank, Acreage, Production, Value, and Leading Production Counties, 2001

Commodity	U.S. Rank Number	CA Share of U.S. Percent	Acres 1,000 Acres	Short Tons 1,000 Tons	Total Value	CA Rank 2001	Harvest Season	Leading Counties
Fruits and Nuts – Total Value: \$7,007,713,000								
Almonds, Shelled	1	99	525.0	415.0	731,880	10	8/1-10/31	Kern, Fresno, Stanislaus, Merced, Madera
Apples	4	7	29.0	350.0	97,380	38	7/15-10/30	San Joaquin, Kern, S. Cruz, Fresno, Stanislaus
Avocados	1	89	59.0	213.0	315,842	17	All Year	San Diego, Ventura, Riverside, Santa Barbara
Cherries, Sweet	2	24	25	55.3	79,814	42	5/20-6/25	San Joaquin, Fresno, Stanislaus, S. Clara, Tulare
Grapes, Raisin	--	--	235.0	2,199.0	401,256	--	5/15-11/15	--
Grapes, Table	--	--	88.0	710.0	434,325	--	5/25-12/15	--
Grapes, Wine	--	--	480.0	3053.0	1,815,325	--	8/5-12/15	--
Grapes, All	1	91	803.0	5962.0	2,650,873	2	--	Kern, Sonoma, Tulare, Napa, Fresno
Kiwifruit	1	99	5.3	25.8	15,340	66	10/1-5/31	Tulare, Butte, Yuba, Fresno, Kern
Lemons	1	86	49.5	858.8	212,725	22	All Year	Ventura, Riverside, Kern, Tulare, San Diego
Nectarines	1	99	36.5	275.0	127,642	34	6/10-9/5	Fresno, Tulare, Kern, Kings
Olives	1	99	36.0	134.0	90,096	39	9/15-3/15	Tulare, Glenn, Tehama, Madera, Fresno
Oranges, All	2	21	194.5	2,043.8	514,460	13	11/25-10/15	Tulare, Kern, Fresno, Riverside, Ventura
Peaches, All	1	71	67.8	863.5	246,743	20	5/10-9/15	Fresno, Tulare, Sutter, Stanislaus, Merced
Pears, All	2	30	18.3	305.0	78,163	43	8/5-10/5	Sacramento, Lake, Mendocino, Fresno, Tulare
Pistachio	1	99	78.0	80.5	159,390	30	9/15-12/10	Kern, Madera, Tulare, Fresno, Kings
Strawberries, All	1	83	26.4	693.0	841,031	8	2/20-11/15	Monterey, Ventura, Santa Cruz, , S. Barb. Orange
Walnuts	1	99	196.0	305.0	341,600	16	9/5-11/10	San Joaquin, Tulare, Stanislaus, Butte, Sutter
Vegetables – Total Value: \$6,153,018,000								
Artichokes	1	99	8.0	50.0	58,211	49	All Year	Monterey, Riverside, San Mateo, Orange
Asparagus	1	72	35.3	53.0	165,204	27	2/15-6/30	San Joaquin, Imp. Monterey, Fresno, S. Barbara
Broccoli	1	87	129.0	903.0	438,118	14	All Year	Monterey, San. Barba., San L. Obis., Imp., Fresno
Brussels Sprouts	1	99	2.2	19.8	14,471	69	8/1-3/15	Santa Cruz, San Mateo
Carrots	1	75	84.3	1271.2	433,919	15	All Year	Kern, Imperial, Riverside, Monterey
Celery	1	94	25.5	886.2	259,865	18	All Year	Ventura, Monterey, Santa Barba., San L. Obispo
Corn, Sweet Fresh	2	15	25.0	187.5	83,625	41	5/1-12/10	Fresno, Imp., Contra Costa, San Joaq., Riverside
Garlic	1	92	26.0	208.0	140,166	31	4/1-9/15	Fresno, Kern
Lettuce, All	1	72	228.0	3,623.0	1,370,004	4	All Year	Monterey, Imp., Fresno, San. Barba., San Benito
Melon, Cantaloupe	1	60	56.8	667.4	252,277	19	5/15-11/30	Fresno, Imperial, Merced, Riverside, Stanislaus
Melon, Watermelon	2	16	12.5	331.2	72,213	46	5/25-10/15	Kern, Fresno, Riverside, San Joaquin, Imperial
Mushrooms, Agaricus	2	16	0.5	64.2	160,873	29	All Year	Monterey, Santa Clara, San Mateo, San Diego
Onions, All	1	35	40.4	1,353.3	211,411	24	4/1-10/31	Fresno, Imperial, Kern, Los Angeles, San Joaquin
Peppers, Bell	1	39	22.0	286.0	147,305	28	7/1-12/10	Riverside, Fresno, Ventura, Kern, Santa Clara
Spinach, Fresh	1	75	20.0	155.0	135,780	33	All Year	Mont., Riverside, S. Ben., S. Barb., Stanis., Vent.
Squash	2	21	8.6	81.7	36,281	55	5/15-11/30	Santa Barba., Fresno, Mont. Riverside, San Ben.
Tomatoes, Fresh	2	29	41.0	543.2	269,452	--	5/15-12/31	Merced, San Joaquin, San Diego, Fresno, Stanis.
Tomatoes, Proc'd	1	93	254.0	8,640.1	496,808	--	6/20-11/10	Fresno, Yolo, San Joaquin, Colusa, Merced
Nursery and Flower Crops – Total Value: \$3,093,506,000								
Nursery Products	1	20	--	--	2,087,447	3	All Year	S. Diego, Orange, Ventura, Los Angeles, S. Clara
Flowers & Foliage	1	--	--	--	998,459	7	All Year	S. Diego, S. Barba., S.L. Obis., Ventura, Monter.

Source: California Department of Food and Agriculture Resources (<http://www.cdfa.ca.gov>)

Crops and Livestock Commodities in which California Leads the Nation*

- Almonds**
- Apricots
- Artichokes**
- Asparagus
- Avocados
- Beans, Black-eyed
- Beans, Dry Baby Lima
- Beans, Dry Large Lima
- Beans, Garbanzo,
- Broccoli
- Brussels Sprouts**
- Cabbage, Chinese
- Carrots
- Cauliflower
- Celery
- Chicory
- Currants
- Dates**
- Escarole/Endive
- Figs**
- Flowers, Bulb
- Flowers, Cut
- Flowers, Potted Plants
- Garlic
- Grapes, **Raisins**
- Grapes, Table
- Grapes, Wine
- Hay, Alfalfa
- Hay, Small Grain
- Herbs
- Kale
- Kiwifruit**
- Lemons
- Lettuce, Head
- Lettuce, Leaf
- Lettuce, Romaine
- Melons, Cantaloupe
- Melons, Casaba
- Melons, Crenshaw
- Melons, Honeydew
- Melons, Persian
- Milk
- Milk, Goat
- Nectarines**
- Nursery, Bedding Plants
- Nursery Crops
- Olives**
- Onions
- Onions, Green
- Parsley
- Peaches, Clingstone**
- Peaches, Freestone
- Pears, Bartlett
- Peas, Chinese
- Peppers, Bell
- Persimmons**
- Pigeons and Squabs
- Pistachios**
- Plums
- Plums, Dried**
- Pomegranates
- Rabbits
- Rice, Sweet
- Safflower
- Seed, Alfalfa
- Seed, Bermuda Grass
- Seed, Ladino Clover
- Seed, Sudan Grass
- Seed, Vegetable and Flower
- Spinach
- Strawberries
- Tomatoes, Processing
- Vegetables, Greenhouse
- Vegetables, Oriental
- Walnuts**

California's Top Ten Agricultural Counties – 2002

Rank	County	\$Value/Millions	Top 3 Products
1	Fresno	\$3,416	Cotton, Grapes, Poultry
2	Tulare	3,201	Milk, Oranges, Grapes
3	Monterey	2,812	Lettuce, Broccoli, Strawberries
4	Kern	2,586	Grapes, Citrus, Carrots
5	Merced	1,731	Milk, Chickens, Almonds
6	San Joaquin	1,368	Milk, Grapes, Tomatoes
7	Stanislaus	1,344	Milk, Almonds, Chickens
7	San Diego	1,297	Flowers, Nursery, Avocados
9	Riverside	1,224	Milk, Nursery, Grapes
10	Ventura	1,161	Strawberries, Lemons, Nursery



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America's Top Five Agricultural States - 2002

*Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold
(Dollars in Billions)*

State	Rank	Value
California	1	\$25.7
Texas	2	\$14.1
Iowa	3	\$12.3
Nebraska	4	\$ 9.7
Kansas	5	\$ 8.7

* California is the sole producer (99% or more) of the commodities in bold.
Source: California Department of Food and Agriculture Resources