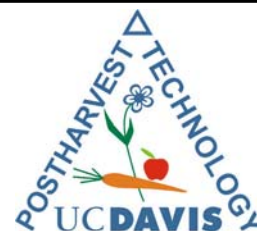


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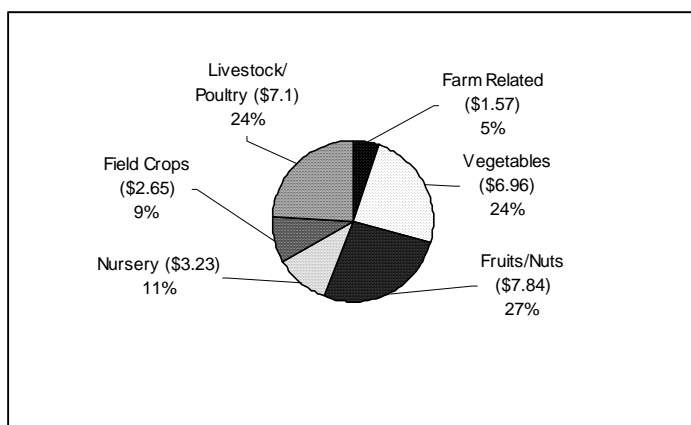
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California's Top 20 Farm Products for 2003

#	Commodity	(Value: \$ in Millions)	
		2002	2003
1	Milk and Cream	3,832	4029
2	Nursery	2,295	2,437
3	Grapes, All	2,567	2,298
4	Lettuce, All	1,318	1,734
5	Almonds	1,201	1,600
6	Cattle and Calves	1,229	1,556
7	Strawberries	932	1,119
8	Flowers and Foliage	1,001	985
9	Tomatoes, All	947	901
10	Hay, All	925	842
11	Cotton, All	651	761
12	Broccoli	486	603
13	Chickens, All	452	537
14	Oranges, All	559	483
15	Carrots, All	413	468
16	Rice	272	373
17	Avocados	358	365
18	Walnuts	330	355
19	Eggs, Chicken	204	282
20	Lemons	287	262

California's Agricultural Gross Cash Income – 2003 \$29.4 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 (27.71 million) of California's 100 million acres of land were devoted to agricultural production in 2003.
- 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 2003, Americans spent 10.1 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 2003 totaled \$29.4 billion.
- Vegetable receipts in 2003 increased 6% in 2003, to \$9.69 billion.
- California's farms decreased to 78,500, less than 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; 78,500 farms averaged 345 acres in 2003.
- 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, 2003

Commodity	U.S. Rank Number	CA Share of U.S. Percent	Acres 1,000 Acres	Short Tons 1,000 Tons	Total Value	CA Rank 2003	Harvest Season	Leading Counties
Fruits and Nuts – Total Value: \$7,923,909,000								
Almonds, Shelled	1	99	550.0	520.0	1,600,144	5	8/1-10/31	Kern, Stanislaus, Merced, Fresno, Madera
Apples	4	4	28.0	225.0	78,210	42	7/15-10/30	San Joaquin, Kern, Stanislaus, S. Fresno, S. Cruz
Avocados	1	84	59.5	158.0	364,560	17	All Year	S. Diego, Ventura, Riverside, S. Barbara, Orange
Cherries, Sweet	2	28	25	68.8	108,508	38	5/20-6/25	San Joaquin, Fresno, Tulare, Stanislaus, Kern
Grapes, Raisin	--	--	255.0	2,149.0	347,836	--	5/15-11/15	--
Grapes, Table	--	--	85.0	732.0	407,153	--	5/25-12/15	--
Grapes, Wine	--	--	479.0	2,909.0	1,542,876	--	8/5-12/15	--
Grapes, All	1	88	819.0	5,790.0	2,297,865	3	--	Kern, Fresno, Napa, Tulare, Sonoma
Kiwifruit	1	97	4.5	25.4	20,472	64	10/1-5/31	Tulare, Butte, Fresno, Yuba, Kern
Lemons	1	89	47.0	912.0	262,040	20	All Year	Ventura, Kern, Riverside, Tulare, San Diego
Nectarines	1	93	36.5	273.0	119,028	36	6/10-9/5	Fresno, Tulare, Kern, Kings, Madera
Olives	1	100	36.0	118.0	48,308	54	9/15-3/15	Tulare, Tehama, Glenn, Madera, Fresno
Oranges, All	2	20	195.0	2,325.0	467,560	14	11/25-10/15	Tulare, Kern, Fresno, Ventura, San Bernardino
Peaches, All	1	76	68.0	949.0	247,476	23	5/10-9/15	Fresno, Tulare, Stanislaus, Sutter, Kings
Pears, All	2	29	17.3	272.0	63,336	51	8/5-10/5	Sacramento, Fresno, Lake, Mendocino, Tulare
Pistachio	1	96	88.0	59.5	143,990	32	9/15-12/10	Kern, Kings, Madera, Tulare, Fresno
Strawberries, All	1	88	29.6	917.6	1,118,802	7	2/20-11/15	Ventura, Monterey, S. Barb., Santa Cruz, Orange
Walnuts	1	99	213.0	326.0	355,340	18	9/5-11/10	San Joaquin, Tulare, Stanislaus, Butte, Tehama
Vegetables – Total Value: \$6,985,376,000								
Artichokes	1	99	7.2	50.4	73,987	44	All Year	Monterey, Riverside, San Mateo, Orange
Asparagus	1	55	36.0	55.8	136,152	33	2/15-6/30	San Joaquin, Monterey, Fresno, Imperial
Broccoli	1	93	125.0	937.5	603,481	12	All Year	Monterey, San. Barba., Fresno, San L. Obis., Imp.
Carrots	1	63	71.5	1,133.0	429,505	15	All Year	Imperial, Monterey, Riverside, Mono, Siskiyou
Cauliflower	1	89	37.0	286.8	205,533	26	All Year	Monterey, S. Barb., San L. Obisp., Imp., Riverside
Celery	1	94	25.3	885.5	239,697	24	All Year	Ventura, Monterey, Santa Barba., San L. Obispo
Corn, Sweet Fresh	2	18	28.5	270.8	118,047	37	5/1-12/10	Fresno, Imp., Contra Costa, San Joaq., Riverside
Garlic	1	86	29.0	268.2	144,816	31	4/1-9/15	Fresno, Kern, Mono, Santa Clara
Lettuce, All	1	73	232.0	3,577.5	1,734,120	4	All Year	Monterey, Fresno, Imp., San. Barba., San Benito
Melon, Cantaloupe	1	54	49.0	600.2	184,877	27	5/15-11/30	Fresno, Imperial, Merced, Riverside, Kern
Melon, Honeydew	1	73	19.5	180.4	62,779	52	6/1-11/30	Fresno, Imperial, Yolo, Riverside, Sutter
Mushrooms, Agaricus	2	15	0.5	63.9	170,234	29	All Year	Monterey, S. Clara, S. Mateo, S. Diego, Riverside
Onions, All	1	27	44.0	950.6	205,777	25	4/1-10/31	Fresno, Imperial, Los Angeles, Kern, San Joaquin
Peppers, Bell	1	47	20.5	384.4	221,122	--	7/1-12/10	Fresno, Kern, Riverside, Ventura, Santa Benito
Spinach, All	1	--	33.6	285.7	175,102	28	All Year	Mont., S. Benito, Imperial, S. Barbara, Ventura
Squash	1	18	7.7	73.2	29,179	60	5/15-11/30	S. Barbara, Fresno, Stanis. S. Diego, Sacramento
Tomatoes, Fresh	2	30	37.0	518.0	371,924	--	5/15-12/31	Fresno, Merced, San Joaquin, San Diego, Stanisl.
Tomatoes, Proc'd	1	94	274.0	9,252.0	529,214	--	6/20-11/10	Fresno, Yolo, San Joaquin, Colusa, Merced
Nursery and Flower Crops – Total Value: \$3,432,481,000								
Nursery Products	1	--	--	--	2,437,174	2	All Year	S. Dieg., Orange, Riverside, Monterey, L. Angeles
Flowers & Foliage	1	--	--	--	984,907	8	All Year	S. Dieg., S. Barba., S.L. Obis., Ventura, Monterey

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**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
- Beans, Green Lima
- Bedding/Garden Plants
- Bee Colonies
- Broccoli
- Brussels Sprouts
- Cabbage, Chinese
- Carrots
- Cauliflower
- Celery
- Chicory
- Daikon
- Dates
- Eggplant
- Escarole/Endive
- Figs**
- Flowers, Bulb
- Flowers, Cut
- Flowers, Potted Plants
- Garlic
- Grapes, Raisins**
- Grapes, Table
- Grapes, Wine
- Greens, Mustard
- Hay, Alfalfa
- Herbs
- Honey
- Jojoba
- Kale
- Kiwifruit
- Kumquats
- Lemons
- Lettuce, Head
- Lettuce, Leaf
- Lettuce, Romaine
- Melons, Cantaloupe
- Melons, Honeydew
- Milk
- Milk, Goat
- Nectarines
- Nursery, Bedding Plants
- Nursery Crops
- Olives**
- Onions, Dry
- Onions, Green
- Parsley
- Passion Fruit
- Peaches, Clingstone**
- Peaches, Freestone
- Pears, Bartlett
- Peas, Chinese
- Peppers, Bell
- Persimmons**
- Pigeons and Squabs
- Pistachios
- Plums
- Plums, Dried**
- Pomegranates**
- Rice, Sweet**
- Safflower
- Seed, Alfalfa
- Seed, Bermuda Grass
- Seed, Ladino Clover**
- Seed, Sudan Grass
- Seed, Vegetable and Flower
- Spinach
- Squash
- Strawberries
- Tomatoes, Processing
- Turnips
- Vegetables, Greenhouse
- Vegetables, Oriental
- Walnuts**

California's Top Ten Agricultural Counties – 2003

Rank	County	\$Value/Millions	Top 3 Products
1	Fresno	\$4,053	Grapes, Tomatoes, Cotton
2	Tulare	3,295	Milk, Oranges, Grapes
3	Monterey	3,288	Lettuce, Strawberries, Broccoli
4	Kern	2,478	Grapes, Almonds, Citrus
5	Merced	1,918	Milk, Chickens, Almonds
6	San Joaquin	1,495	Milk, Grapes, Almonds
7	Stanislaus	1,455	Milk, Almonds, Chickens
8	San Diego	1,351	Flowers, Nursery, Avocados
9	Kings	1,137	Milk, Cotton, Cattle
10	Ventura	1,118	Strawberries, Nursery, Lemons



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America's Top Five Agricultural States - 2003

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

State	Rank	Value
California	1	\$27.8
Texas	2	\$15.3
Iowa	3	\$12.6
Nebraska	4	\$10.6
Kansas	5	\$ 9.0

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