



California

State Fact Sheet

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Gavin Newsome (D)

Secretary of Agriculture:

Karen Ross

Secretary of State:

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Barbara Boxer - (D)

Dianne Feinstein - (D)

Representatives:

Baca, Joe; (D-43rd)

Karen Bass; (D-33rd)

Becerra, Xavier; (D-31st)

Berman, Howard; (D-28th)

Bilbray, Brian P.; (R-50th)

Bono Mack, Mary; (D-45th)

Calvert, Ken; (D-44th)

Campbell, John; (R-48th)

Capps, Lois; (D-23rd)

Cardoza, Dennis; (D-18th)

Judy Chu; (D-32nd)

Costa, Jim; (D-20th)

Davis, Susan; (D-53rd)

Jeff Denham; (R-19th)

Dreier, David; (R-26th)

Eshoo, Anna; (D-14th)

Farr, Sam; (D-17th)

Filner, Bob; (D-51st)

Gallegly, Elton; (R-24th)

Garamendi, John; (D-10th)

Harman, Jane; (D-36th)

Herger, Wally; (R - 2nd)

Honda, Michael; (D-15th)

Hunter, Duncan; (R-52nd)

Issa, Darrell; (R-49th)

Lee, Barbara; (D-9th)

Lewis, Jerry; (R-41st)

Lofgren, Zoe; (D-16th)

Lungren, Dan; (R - 3rd)

Matsui, Doris; (D - 5th)

McCarthy, Kevin; (R-22nd)

McClintock, Tom; (R - 4th)

McKeon, Howard "Buck"; (R-25th)

McNerny, Jerry (D-11th)

Miller, Gary; (R-42nd)

Miller, George; (D-7th)

Napolitano, Grace; (D-38th)

Nunes, Devin; (R-21st)

Pelosi, Nancy; (D-8th)

Richardson, Laura; (D-37th)

Rohrabacher, Dana; (R-46th)

Roybal-Allard, Lucille; (D - 34th)

Royce, Ed; (R-40th)

Sanchez, Linda; (D-39th)

Sanchez, Loretta; (D-47th)

Schiff, Adam; (D-29th)

Sherman, Brad; (D-27th)

Speier, Jackie; (D-12th)

Stark, Fortney "Pete"; (D-13th)

Thompson, Mike; (D - 1st)

Waters, Maxine; (D-35th)

Waxman, Henry; (D-30th)

Woolsey, Lynn; (D-6th)

Total Area: 99.81 million acres

Acres in ag production: 25.36 million

Farms & ranches: 81,033

Average Farm Size (acres) 313

Population: 36,961,664 (2009 est.)

- Rural: 833,075

- Urban: 36,128,589

Market Value of Ag Products: \$ 33.9 billion

Principal operators by sex:

- Male - 66,068

- Female - 14,965

All operators by race:

- White - 117,665

- Black or African American - 434

- American Indian or Alaska Native - 1,838

- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander - 311

- Asian - 5,780

- All operators of Spanish, Hispanic
or Latino Origin - 14,199

(USDA - NASS Census of Agriculture 2007; ERS State Facts 2009)

- California is the most productive agricultural state in the nation. Farmers and ranchers in California blend old-fashioned patience and perseverance with cutting-edge technologies and advanced agricultural practices. The result is that California has been the nation's No. 1 agricultural producer and exporter for 50 years

- California's fertile and temperate growing regions are highly productive. Actually, nine of the top 10 agricultural producing counties in the nation are located in California. Fresno County tops the list with a total gross agricultural commodities production value of \$5,347,398,000 in 2007.

- California is the nation's sole producer (99 percent or more) of a large number of specialty crops:

- Almonds • Artichokes • Clingstone Peaches • Dried Plums • Figs
- Olives • Persimmons • Pomegranates • Raisins • Seed, Ladino Clover • Sweet Rice • Walnuts.

- The Golden State's agricultural abundance includes 400 different commodities. The state produces about half of U.S. - grown fruits, nuts and vegetables. With less than four percent of the nation's

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farms and ranches, California produces over 13 % percent of the nation's agricultural production value.

- California's top 20 crop and livestock commodities account for more than \$25 billion in value. Each of the top 10 commodities exceed \$1 billion in value. In 2006 and milk remained the No. 1 commodity, followed by nursery/greenhouse products and grapes.

- With an annual export market of more than \$11.3 billion in food and commodities, California leads the nation's exporters, shipping to more than 150 countries around the world. The European Union, Canada and Japan are the top three destinations for California's agricultural products.

- Early California farmers and ranchers were the Spanish missionaries, followed by Mexicans, Japanese, Portuguese, Dutch and other Europeans, Chinese and Russians. Today, nearly every nationality is represented in California agriculture. The result is a highly adaptable and diverse agricultural industry.

Top 5 agriculture commodities, 2009

	Value of receipts million \$	Percent of state total farm receipts	Percent of US value
1. Dairy products	\$ 4,537.71	13	18.6
2. Greenhouse/nursery	\$ 3,792.29	10.9	23.8
3. Grapes	\$ 3,267.85	9.4	88.6
4. Almonds	\$ 2,293.50	6.6	100.0
5. Lettuce	\$ 1,725.79	5.0	78.8
All commodities	\$ 34,840.64		12.3

Top 5 agriculture exports, estimates, FY 2009

	Rank among states	Value million \$
1. Tree nuts	1	2,240.3
2. Fruits and preparations	1	2,802.1
3. Other	1	2,138.7
4. Vegetables and preparations	1	1,994.1
5. Rice	2	523.9
Overall rank/value	1	\$12,502.3

(USDA - ERS State Facts 2009)