

Agricultural Bulletin

1st Quarter, 2009 Quick Facts:

CA Agricultural Employment

(In Thousands)

January	2009	305.2
February	2009	290.5
March	2009	293.5

CA Total Agricultural

Average Hourly Earnings

(In dollars per Hour)

January	2009	11.18
February	2009	11.11
March	2009	10.91

CA Agricultural Employment

(In Thousands, Year Ago)

January	2008	309.5
February	2008	300.5
March	2008	311.2

What's new this quarter?

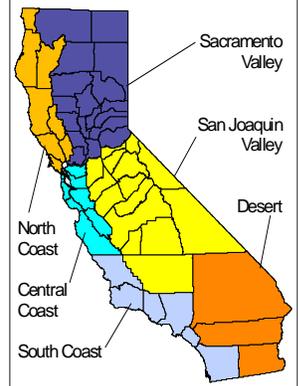
California's Highlights:

California's agricultural abundance includes 400 different commodities. Among these, the state produces about half of U.S. grown fruits, nuts and vegetables. At the beginning of 2009, the number of reported farms in California increased by 2 percent. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$10.93 per hour, up 12 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$9.96 per hour up 29 cents from last January, while livestock workers earned \$10.27 per hour compared with \$10.18 a year earlier.

The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$10.08 per hour, was up 20 cents from last year. The number of hours worked averaged 38.3 hours for hired workers during the survey week. A combination of stronger prices and higher production was the direct cause for the increase in wages for California agricultural workers.

During the 1st quarter of 2009, temperatures across the state were cool, with some isolated showers along the northern coast. Southern California experienced unseasonably warm weather for this time of year. Field work continued and winter wheat and grains were growing well due to warm conditions. Early plants continued to progress while vegetable crops were thriving and maturing at a faster rate.

California Agricultural Regions



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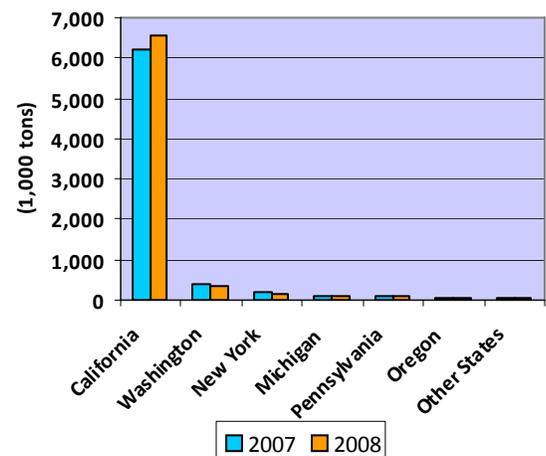
CALIFORNIA TOP COMMODITIES 2008	VALUE OF RECEIPTS (THOUSAND \$)	% OF STATE TOTAL FARM RECEIPTS
Dairy Products	6,924,121	19.1
Greenhouse/nursery	3,296,994	9.1
Grapes	2,925,895	8.1
Almonds	2,262,400	6.3
Cattle and Calves	1,822,857	5.0
All Commodities	36,186,735	

Regional Spotlight: North Coast

California has agricultural operations in six regions:
Sacramento Valley, San Joaquin Valley, Desert, South Coast,
and North Coast.

- The North Coast region is known for wine production. Most of the area is rural, with agricultural development occurring primarily in the major river valleys. Vineyard acreage, in particular, is expanding from Napa and Sonoma counties to Mendocino and Lake counties.
- California leads the nation in grape production with 89 percent of the total. The North Coast region is responsible for a majority of the grape production and sales in California. Wine grape production was unchanged from last year. California's wine type production is expected to total 3.40 million tons, up three percent from the August 2008 forecast, with the most significant increases being seen in Chardonnay and red wine grape varieties.
- According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service, the 2009 average price of all varieties was \$574.46 per ton, up 5 percent from 2008. The larger increase in higher priced wine grapes crushed and the decline in less expensive raisin and table grape varieties is the reason for the average price increase from 2008.

Grape Production 2007 and 2008



Regional Agricultural Employment and Wages by Industry Sector



Sacramento Valley

Sacramento Valley Agricultural Employment and Wages by Industry Sector									
MAJOR SECTOR	(Current Employment)			(Average Hourly Earnings)			(2008 Annual Average)		
	Jan 09	Feb 09	Mar 09	Jan 09	Feb 09	Mar 09	Employment	Earnings	
Total Agricultural	19,690	18,230	19,290	\$11.30	\$11.32	\$11.26	24,970	\$11.05	
Total Agricultural Production/Crops	11,970	10,520	10,700	\$11.52	\$11.57	\$11.63	14,866	\$11.28	
Agricultural Production/Livestock	1,530	1,560	1,560	\$11.80	\$11.83	\$11.86	1,658	\$11.62	
Total Agricultural Support	6,190	6,150	7,030	\$10.66	\$10.71	\$10.44	8,378	\$10.49	



San Joaquin Valley

San Joaquin Valley Agricultural Employment and Wages by Industry Sector									
MAJOR SECTOR	(Current Employment)			(Average Hourly Earnings)			(2008 Annual Average)		
	Jan 09	Feb 09	Mar 09	Jan 09	Feb 09	Mar 09	Employment	Earnings	
Total Agricultural	158,070	145,150	133,680	\$10.56	\$10.63	\$10.68	190,585	\$11.01	
Total Agricultural Production/Crops	53,720	50,470	47,160	\$10.72	\$10.76	\$10.84	63,058	\$10.55	
Agricultural Production/Livestock	20,020	20,010	20,210	\$11.25	\$11.34	\$11.38	20,883	\$11.29	
Total Agricultural Support	84,330	74,670	66,310	\$10.29	\$10.37	\$10.39	106,398	\$9.89	



Desert

Desert Agricultural Employment and Wages by Industry Sector									
MAJOR SECTOR	(Current Employment)			(Average Hourly Earnings)			(2008 Annual Average)		
	Jan 09	Feb 09	Mar 09	Jan 09	Feb 09	Mar 09	Employment	Earnings	
Total Agricultural	25,100	22,400	23,800	\$10.65	\$10.48	\$10.61	27,400	\$10.73	
Total Agricultural Production/Crops	9,700	9,000	9,900	\$10.95	\$10.26	\$10.31	9,908	\$10.73	
Agricultural Production/Livestock	3,000	3,000	2,900	\$11.98	\$11.99	\$12.05	3,242	\$12.17	
Total Agricultural Support	12,400	10,400	11,000	\$9.99	\$10.14	\$10.20	14,042	\$10.02	



South Coast

South Coast Agricultural Employment and Wages by Industry Sector									
MAJOR SECTOR	(Current Employment)			(Average Hourly Earnings)			(2008 Annual Average)		
	Jan 09	Feb 09	Mar 09	Jan 09	Feb 09	Mar 09	Employment	Earnings	
Total Agricultural	54,600	57,100	63,500	\$11.42	\$11.46	\$11.45	68,458	\$10.56	
Total Agricultural Production/Crops	37,000	39,800	45,300	\$11.33	\$11.45	\$11.46	46,333	\$10.62	
Agricultural Production/Livestock	1,800	1,900	1,800	\$12.54	\$12.58	\$12.53	1,967	\$11.25	
Total Agricultural Support	15,800	15,400	16,400	\$11.47	\$11.41	\$11.39	19,867	\$10.34	



Central Coast

Central Coast Agricultural Employment and Wages by Industry Sector									
MAJOR SECTOR	(Current Employment)			(Average Hourly Earnings)			(2008 Annual Average)		
	Jan 09	Feb 09	Mar 09	Jan 09	Feb 09	Mar 09	Employment	Earnings	
Total Agricultural	35,300	34,300	40,200	\$11.42	\$11.46	\$11.45	62,117	\$11.06	
Total Agricultural Production/Crops	18,000	17,300	21,100	\$11.33	\$11.45	\$11.46	31,658	\$11.02	
Agricultural Production/Livestock	800	800	800	\$12.54	\$12.58	\$12.53	925	\$12.29	
Total Agricultural Support	16,500	16,200	18,300	\$11.47	\$11.41	\$11.39	29,425	\$11.24	



North Coast

North Coast Agricultural Employment and Wages by Industry Sector									
MAJOR SECTOR	(Current Employment)			(Average Hourly Earnings)			(2008 Annual Average)		
	Jan 09	Feb 09	Mar 09	Jan 09	Feb 09	Mar 09	Employment	Earnings	
Total Agricultural	12,470	13,350	13,090	\$11.78	\$11.76	\$11.84	15,480	\$11.61	
Total Agricultural Production/Crops	7,270	7,700	7,580	\$11.56	\$11.86	\$11.83	8,878	\$11.67	
Agricultural Production/Livestock	1,500	1,500	1,480	\$11.68	\$11.53	\$11.55	1,537	\$10.89	
Total Agricultural Support	3,700	4,150	4,030	\$12.39	\$12.33	\$12.37	4,862	\$11.83	

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