

## Agricultural Bulletin

### 1st Quarter, 2011 Quick Facts:

#### CA Agricultural Employment (In Thousands)

Jan	2011	310.2
Feb	2011	306.7
Mar	2011	288.7

#### CA Agricultural Average Hourly Earnings (In Dollars per Hour)

Jan	2011	12.00
Feb	2011	12.17
Mar	2011	11.98

#### CA Agricultural Employment (In Thousands, Year Ago)

Jan	2010	300.9
Feb	2010	297.9
Mar	2010	298.4

### What's new this quarter?

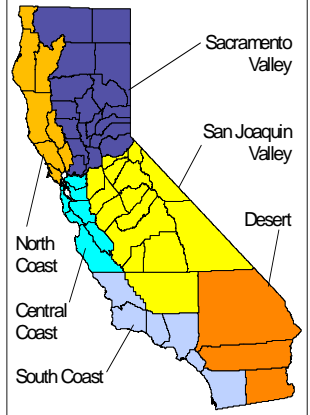
#### California Highlights:

California remains the world's fifth largest supplier of food and agriculture commodities. According to the California Department of Food and Agriculture, "the states agriculture is nearly a \$36.6 billion dollar industry that generates \$100 billion in related economic activity." California's agriculture sector continued to strengthen in the first quarter.

Demand for California wine grapes improved in fourth quarter 2010 and first quarter 2011, and the prices of raisin grapes increased. Agricultural products grown only in the state increased by 15 percent in the first quarter 2011 compared to same time last year. Prices of several products have risen, including dairy, nuts and tree fruits (except peaches). Water availability for California farms is better this year after severe shortages last year.

According to the UC Davis Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, California dominates the nation in organic production of agricultural commodities. The top products include fruits, vegetables, nuts and berries, with lettuce and grapes being the highest value organic crops in California.

#### California Agricultural Regions



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<http://www.nass.usda.gov/>

## Regional Spotlight: San Joaquin Valley

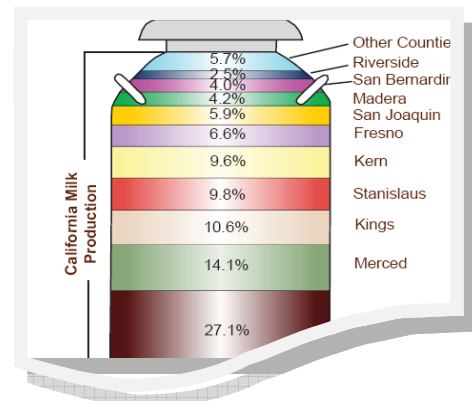
California has 10 top milk producing counties, with 8 of the 10 counties in the San Joaquin Valley Region

This region is the major supplier of the state's number one commodity for first quarter of 2011. The average retail price for a gallon of whole milk in California is \$3.48.

### San Joaquin Valley



- \* For the first six months of 2011, California increased milk production for each month compared to the same time last year. Milk prices increased because the cost of production is at an all time high. The cost for grain, minerals, and supplements were the highest over the last five years.
- \* For dairy producers the demand for finished dairy products remains strong. At the beginning of 2011, milk production reflected a positive growth rate of 6 percent compared to the same time last year.
- \* The first half of 2011 recorded an increase of 8.9 percent in butter production, a decrease of 10.3 percent in nonfat dry milk production, and increase of 4.6



percent in total cheese production.

Source: <http://www.nass.usda.gov/>

# 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)			(2010 Annual Average)		
	Jan-11	Feb-11	Mar-11	Jan-11	Feb-11	Mar-11	Employment	Earnings	
Total Agricultural	20,600	21,300	18,600	\$12.09	\$12.31	\$12.17	25,425	\$12.05	
Agricultural Production/Crops	12,700	13,100	10,800	\$12.30	\$12.42	\$12.24	14,942	\$11.92	
Agricultural Production/Livestock	1,700	1,700	1,500	\$12.76	\$12.94	\$12.75	1,800	\$12.54	
Total Agricultural Support	6,200	6,500	6,300	\$13.59	\$13.78	\$13.57	8,633	\$13.06	



San Joaquin Valley

San Joaquin Valley Agricultural Employment and Wages by Industry Sector									
MAJOR SECTOR	(Current Employment)			(Average Hourly Earnings)			(2010 Annual Average)		
	Jan-11	Feb-11	Mar-11	Jan-11	Feb-11	Mar-11	Employment	Earnings	
Total Agricultural	158,300	147,700	132,200	\$ 11.18	\$ 11.25	\$ 11.08	186,233	\$11.07	
Agricultural Production/Crops	54,900	51,500	46,100	\$ 11.28	\$ 11.32	\$ 11.13	63,175	\$10.97	
Agricultural Production/Livestock	19,900	20,000	19,600	\$ 11.99	\$ 12.04	\$ 11.93	20,108	\$11.53	
Total Agricultural Support	83,000	75,900	66,300	\$ 12.83	\$ 13.14	\$ 12.95	102,608	\$12.59	



Desert

Desert Agricultural Employment and Wages by Industry Sector									
MAJOR SECTOR	(Current Employment)			(Average Hourly Earnings)			(2010 Annual Average)		
	Jan-11	Feb-11	Mar-11	Jan-11	Feb-11	Mar-11	Employment	Earnings	
Total Agricultural	25,700	26,500	24,600	\$ 11.52	\$ 11.68	\$ 11.59	25,475	\$11.62	
Agricultural Production/Crops	9,700	10,000	9,500	\$ 10.87	\$ 11.10	\$ 10.95	9,292	\$11.13	
Agricultural Production/Livestock	2,500	2,500	2,100	\$ 11.88	\$ 11.93	\$ 11.85	2,500	\$12.01	
Total Agricultural Support	13,500	14,000	13,000	\$ 13.27	\$ 13.31	\$ 13.24	13,483	\$12.59	



South Coast

South Coast Agricultural Employment and Wages by Industry Sector									
MAJOR SECTOR	(Current Employment)			(Average Hourly Earnings)			(2010 Annual Average)		
	Jan-11	Feb-11	Mar-11	Jan-11	Feb-11	Mar-11	Employment	Earnings	
Total Agricultural	58,300	61,900	59,100	\$ 11.92	\$ 12.14	\$ 11.89	67,842	\$11.63	
Agricultural Production/Crops	39,600	42,600	40,300	\$ 11.16	\$ 11.28	\$ 11.18	44,625	\$11.02	
Agricultural Production/Livestock	1,900	1,900	1,800	\$ 13.44	\$ 13.53	\$ 13.42	1,892	\$12.88	
Total Agricultural Support	16,600	17,200	16,900	\$ 10.44	\$ 10.57	\$ 10.50	21,017	\$9.76	



Central Coast

Central Coast Agricultural Employment and Wages by Industry Sector									
MAJOR SECTOR	(Current Employment)			(Average Hourly Earnings)			(2010 Annual Average)		
	Jan-11	Feb-11	Mar-11	Jan-11	Feb-11	Mar-11	Employment	Earnings	
Total Agricultural	35,900	38,400	37,200	\$ 12.38	\$ 12.53	\$ 12.34	63,314	\$11.96	
Agricultural Production/Crops	18,200	19,000	18,600	\$ 11.94	\$ 12.09	\$ 12.11	32,267	\$11.65	
Agricultural Production/Livestock	900	900	800	\$ 12.94	\$ 13.06	\$ 12.87	775	\$13.11	
Total Agricultural Support	16,700	18,400	17,700	\$ 14.44	\$ 14.34	\$ 14.09	30,175	\$13.93	



North Coast

North Coast Agricultural Employment and Wages by Industry Sector									
MAJOR SECTOR	(Current Employment)			(Average Hourly Earnings)			(2010 Annual Average)		
	Jan-11	Feb-11	Mar-11	Jan-11	Feb-11	Mar-11	Employment	Earnings	
Total Agricultural	12,300	13,100	12,100	\$ 12.88	\$ 13.09	\$ 12.81	14,500	\$12.32	
Agricultural Production/Crops	7,300	7,700	7,100	\$ 12.87	\$ 12.91	\$ 12.81	8,058	\$12.29	
Agricultural Production/Livestock	1,500	1,500	1,400	\$ 12.27	\$ 12.41	\$ 12.19	1,517	\$11.92	
Total Agricultural Support	3,300	3,700	3,500	\$ 12.55	\$ 12.69	\$ 12.53	4,725	\$12.66	

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