

## Agricultural Bulletin

### 2nd Quarter, 2011 Quick Facts:

#### CA Agricultural Employment (In Thousands)

Apr	2011	354.6
May	2011	425.7
Jun	2011	451.2

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

Apr	2011	12.02
May	2011	12.00
Jun	2011	11.94

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

Apr	2010	357.7
May	2010	443.7
Jun	2010	459.2

### What's new this quarter?

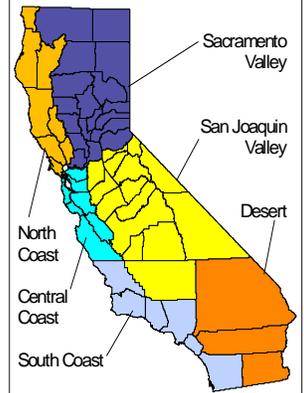
#### California Highlights:

During the second quarter of 2011 California led the nation in farmers markets with 729 locations, up 580 from last year (25.7 percent). Farmers Markets allow small farmers to market their products without the added expenses of commercial preparation. This increases their net income and makes it possible to stay in business.

After a good winter with excellent chilling temperatures, almond production was at its all time high, with Sacramento Valley leading the ranks. One of the biggest concerns for the valley is the quality of water in the Delta. Experts have said that if salt water backs-up into the Delta, the water quality would be unsuitable for growing crops and livestock in the future.

The state leads the nation in production of more than 70 different commodities. The top five U.S. counties with the top crop revenue are all in California. The state is also the exclusive U.S. producer of at least 12 commodities including: almonds, artichokes, dates, figs, olives, persimmons, pistachios, pomegranates, prunes, raisins and walnuts.

#### California Agricultural Regions

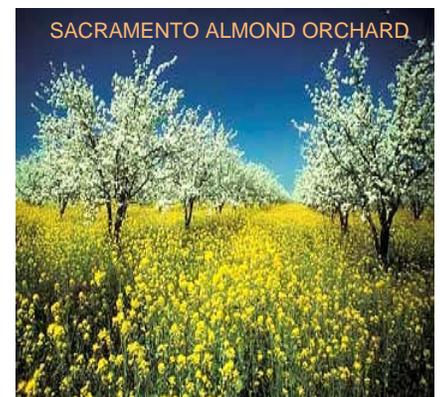
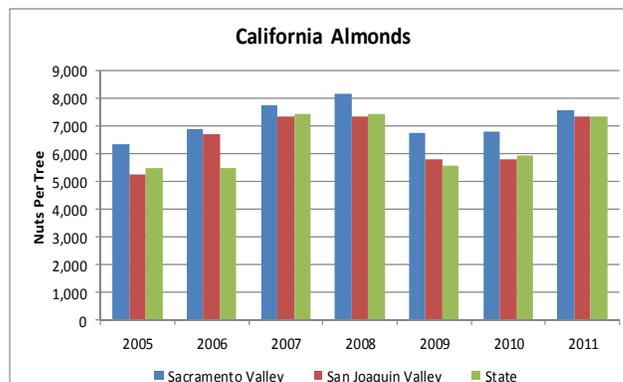


The USDA reports employment and earnings data for one month per quarter. For more national agricultural data, go to:

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

### Regional Spotlight: Sacramento Valley

- California's 2011 almond production is forecasted at a record 1.95 billion pounds, up 19 percent from last year's crop. Almonds are California's biggest agricultural export and the state's second largest crop overall, behind grapes. Sacramento Valley leads the ranks in nuts per tree at 7,561, followed by San Joaquin at 7,322.
- The Valley is also the center of the world for sunflower seed production. This crop brings in revenue of about \$50 million each year. Dry summers, good soils and a relative lack of pests and diseases create ideal conditions for this crop to grow. About 40,000 acres across the Sacramento region, mainly in Yolo, Solano, Colusa and Sutter counties, are planted in sunflowers. Nearly all the sunflowers in this area are grown for their seeds.



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)	
	Apr-11	May-11	Jun-11	Apr-11	May-11	Jun-11	Employment	Earnings
Total Agricultural	23,000	26,800	28,000	\$12.25	\$12.32	\$12.22	25,425	\$12.05
Agricultural Production/Crops	13,900	15,800	16,500	\$12.24	\$12.32	\$12.41	14,942	\$11.92
Agricultural Production/Livestock	1,700	1,900	1,900	\$12.87	\$12.92	\$12.85	1,800	\$12.54
Total Agricultural Support	7,400	9,100	9,600	\$13.47	\$13.55	\$13.50	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)	
	Apr-11	May-11	Jun-11	Apr-11	May-11	Jun-11	Employment	Earnings
Total Agricultural	162,900	208,500	221,900	\$ 10.97	\$ 10.83	\$ 10.70	186,233	\$11.07
Agricultural Production/Crops	56,300	63,300	66,200	\$ 11.02	\$ 10.95	\$ 10.84	63,175	\$10.97
Agricultural Production/Livestock	20,000	20,100	20,200	\$ 11.78	\$ 11.64	\$ 11.60	20,108	\$11.53
Total Agricultural Support	86,400	124,800	135,100	\$ 12.94	\$ 12.74	\$ 12.62	102,608	\$12.59



Desert

Desert Agricultural Employment and Wages by Industry Sector								
MAJOR SECTOR	(Current Employment)			(Average Hourly Earnings)			(2010 Annual Average)	
	Apr-11	May-11	Jun-11	Apr-11	May-11	Jun-11	Employment	Earnings
Total Agricultural	23,600	25,800	28,200	\$ 11.74	\$ 11.72	\$ 11.84	25,475	\$11.62
Agricultural Production/Crops	9,300	9,800	10,500	\$ 10.83	\$ 10.93	\$ 11.07	9,292	\$11.13
Agricultural Production/Livestock	2,600	2,600	2,600	\$ 11.79	\$ 11.99	\$ 12.03	2,500	\$12.01
Total Agricultural Support	11,700	13,600	14,900	\$ 13.43	\$ 13.43	\$ 13.67	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)	
	Apr-11	May-11	Jun-11	Apr-11	May-11	Jun-11	Employment	Earnings
Total Agricultural	72,900	75,200	75,000	\$ 11.85	\$ 11.93	\$ 11.99	67,842	\$11.63
Agricultural Production/Crops	50,800	51,100	49,400	\$ 11.32	\$ 11.46	\$ 11.41	44,625	\$11.02
Agricultural Production/Livestock	1,900	1,900	1,900	\$ 13.52	\$ 13.36	\$ 13.21	1,892	\$12.88
Total Agricultural Support	20,000	22,000	23,500	\$ 10.48	\$ 10.46	\$ 10.59	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)	
	Apr-11	May-11	Jun-11	Apr-11	May-11	Jun-11	Employment	Earnings
Total Agricultural	58,500	72,300	79,800	\$ 12.32	\$ 12.17	\$ 11.99	63,314	\$11.96
Agricultural Production/Crops	27,600	34,900	40,100	\$ 12.05	\$ 11.93	\$ 11.81	32,267	\$11.65
Agricultural Production/Livestock	800	800	800	\$ 12.98	\$ 12.90	\$ 12.83	775	\$13.11
Total Agricultural Support	30,000	36,500	38,800	\$ 14.23	\$ 14.14	\$ 14.28	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)	
	Apr-11	May-11	Jun-11	Apr-11	May-11	Jun-11	Employment	Earnings
Total Agricultural	13,700	17,100	18,300	\$ 12.96	\$ 13.04	\$ 12.92	14,500	\$12.32
Agricultural Production/Crops	7,500	9,200	9,800	\$ 12.94	\$ 13.00	\$ 13.11	8,058	\$12.29
Agricultural Production/Livestock	1,600	1,600	1,600	\$ 11.99	\$ 11.80	\$ 11.91	1,517	\$11.92
Total Agricultural Support	4,400	6,100	6,700	\$ 12.64	\$ 12.88	\$ 13.04	4,725	\$12.66

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