

Agricultural Bulletin

2nd Quarter, 2013 Quick Facts:

CA Agricultural Employment (In Thousands)

Apr	2013	348.3
May	2013	438.3
Jun	2013	467.5

CA Agricultural Average Hourly Earnings (In Dollars per Hour)

Apr	2013	13.52
May	2013	13.60
Jun	2013	13.66

CA Agricultural Employment (In Thousands, Year Ago)

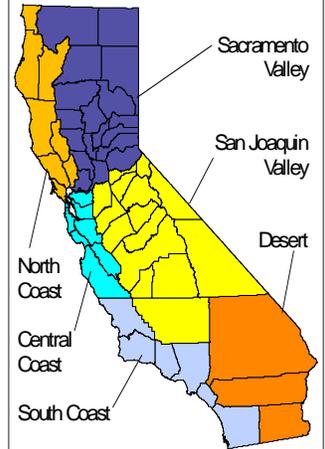
Apr	2012	346.0
May	2012	441.4
Jun	2012	471.2

What's new this quarter?

California Highlights:

- California is one of only five agricultural regions in the world that has a Mediterranean growing climate. As a result, our agricultural production is more than \$43 billion. The diversity of our agriculture allows us to produce more commodities than any other state in the union. As the 2nd quarter comes to an end, California continues to experience an increasing lack of labor.
- California's almond crop for 2013 is down 2.0 percent from last years crop. Despite the decrease in production, California still ranks number one in almond production as well as other commodities such as potatoes, sugar beets and oranges according to an annual forecast by federal agriculture officials.
- Blackberry production continues to expand along the coast of California driven in large part by growing consumption of "minor" berry crops. Market demand for blueberries and raspberries has led the growing consumer demand over the past 10-15 years beyond the traditional strawberry. New varieties with improved productivity, flavor, and post harvest attributes has led much of the growth in demand of blueberries and raspberries and those factors are now contributing to more demand for blackberries.

California Agricultural Regions



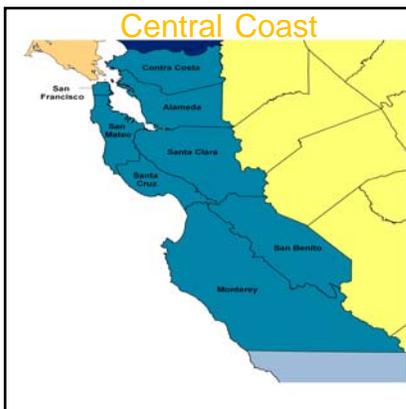
The USDA reports employment and earnings data for one month per quarter. For more national agricultural data, go to:

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

Regional Spotlight: *Central Coast*

Central Coast region includes: Alameda, Contra Costa, Monterey, San Benito, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Santa Cruz

- Salinas Valley is known as "the lettuce capital of the world". Researchers are now designing robots that can "thin" a field of lettuce in the same time it takes 20 workers to do the job by hand. Farmers say these robots could provide relief from recent labor shortages, lessen the worry of immigration reform, reduce costs, and increase quality and consistency. According to news.com.au, this robotic device will become available within the next few years.



- San Benito County ranked in the top ten in the state for three commodities: spinach (2nd), lettuce (3rd), and turkeys (9th).
- The top ten commodities in San Benito County, led by lettuce (salad), and bell peppers, comprise of 74 percent of the county's total market value.
- San Mateo is an agricultural community continually feeding it's neighbor to the north, San Francisco. They are known for their varieties of tomatoes, sweet peppers and hot peppers. This county is also known for their harvest of pinot noir grapes.
- Santa Clara's top three crops over the past 10 years continue to be nursery crops, mushrooms and bell peppers.

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)			(2012 Annual Average)		
	Apr-13	May-13	Jun-13	Apr-13	May-13	Jun-13	Employment	Earnings	
Total Agricultural	22,000	27,000	28,700	\$ 13.88	\$ 13.95	\$ 13.99	25,683	\$ 13.15	
Agricultural Production/Crops	13,300	16,000	17,200	\$ 13.49	\$ 13.55	\$ 13.63	15,650	\$ 12.84	
Agricultural Production/Animal	1,700	1,700	1,700	\$ 13.82	\$ 13.88	\$ 13.99	1,700	\$ 13.14	
Total Agricultural Support	6,900	9,200	9,700	\$ 14.29	\$ 14.36	\$ 14.39	8,283	\$ 13.85	



San Joaquin Valley

San Joaquin Valley Agricultural Employment and Wages by Industry Sector									
MAJOR SECTOR	(Current Employment)			(Average Hourly Earnings)			(2012 Annual Average)		
	Apr-13	May-13	Jun-13	Apr-13	May-13	Jun-13	Employment	Earnings	
Total Agricultural	157,500	215,800	227,300	\$ 12.73	\$ 12.82	\$ 12.85	196,983	\$ 11.82	
Agricultural Production/Crops	52,000	64,500	65,000	\$ 12.64	\$ 12.75	\$ 12.83	63,275	\$ 11.80	
Agricultural Production/Animal	21,200	21,200	21,300	\$ 12.81	\$ 12.86	\$ 12.89	21,083	\$ 12.09	
Total Agricultural Support	83,900	129,400	139,900	\$ 14.06	\$ 14.13	\$ 14.07	112,067	\$ 13.30	



Desert

Desert Agricultural Employment and Wages by Industry Sector									
MAJOR SECTOR	(Current Employment)			(Average Hourly Earnings)			(2012 Annual Average)		
	Apr-13	May-13	Jun-13	Apr-13	May-13	Jun-13	Employment	Earnings	
Total Agricultural	24,100	28,000	31,600	\$ 12.91	\$ 12.98	\$ 13.06	25,575	\$ 12.27	
Agricultural Production/Crops	8,900	9,900	10,800	\$ 12.52	\$ 12.63	\$ 12.71	9,025	\$ 11.86	
Agricultural Production/Animal	2,500	2,400	2,400	\$ 12.87	\$ 12.84	\$ 12.88	2,442	\$ 12.60	
Total Agricultural Support	12,600	15,500	18,200	\$ 14.76	\$ 14.84	\$ 14.92	13,975	\$ 14.21	



South Coast

South Coast Agricultural Employment and Wages by Industry Sector									
MAJOR SECTOR	(Current Employment)			(Average Hourly Earnings)			(2012 Annual Average)		
	Apr-13	May-13	Jun-13	Apr-13	May-13	Jun-13	Employment	Earnings	
Total Agricultural	74,400	78,600	77,600	\$ 13.62	\$ 13.71	\$ 13.76	68,750	\$ 12.81	
Agricultural Production/Crops	51,600	53,300	50,500	\$ 12.97	\$ 13.05	\$ 13.08	44,875	\$ 12.28	
Agricultural Production/Animal	1,900	1,900	1,900	\$ 14.17	\$ 14.23	\$ 14.19	1,825	\$ 13.60	
Total Agricultural Support	20,800	23,300	25,100	\$ 12.35	\$ 12.44	\$ 12.51	21,933	\$ 11.47	



Central Coast

Central Coast Agricultural Employment and Wages by Industry Sector									
MAJOR SECTOR	(Current Employment)			(Average Hourly Earnings)			(2012 Annual Average)		
	Apr-13	May-13	Jun-13	Apr-13	May-13	Jun-13	Employment	Earnings	
Total Agricultural	58,000	72,400	84,700	\$ 13.51	\$ 13.58	\$ 13.65	64,533	\$ 12.78	
Agricultural Production/Crops	25,400	33,100	42,400	\$ 13.41	\$ 13.49	\$ 13.56	31,792	\$ 12.67	
Agricultural Production/Animal	700	700	700	\$ 13.94	\$ 14.02	\$ 14.08	650	\$ 13.48	
Total Agricultural Support	31,800	38,500	41,500	\$ 15.73	\$ 15.78	\$ 15.86	31,867	\$ 15.01	



North Coast

North Coast Agricultural Employment and Wages by Industry Sector									
MAJOR SECTOR	(Current Employment)			(Average Hourly Earnings)			(2012 Annual Average)		
	Apr-13	May-13	Jun-13	Apr-13	May-13	Jun-13	Employment	Earnings	
Total Agricultural	12,300	16,500	17,600	\$ 14.45	\$ 14.54	\$ 14.63	14,850	\$ 13.85	
Agricultural Production/Crops	6,600	8,500	8,900	\$ 14.49	\$ 14.54	\$ 14.61	7,892	\$ 13.94	
Agricultural Production/Animal	1,600	1,600	1,600	\$ 12.89	\$ 12.97	\$ 13.04	1,525	\$ 12.33	
Total Agricultural Support	3,800	6,200	6,900	\$ 14.93	\$ 15.06	\$ 15.18	5,208	\$ 14.13	

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