

Agricultural Bulletin

1st Quarter, 2010 Quick Facts

CA Agricultural Employment

(In Thousands)

January 2010	300.9
February 2010	297.9
March 2010	298.4

CA Total Agricultural

Average Hourly Earnings

(In dollars per Hour)

January 2010	11.14
February 2010	11.28
March 2010	11.37

CA Agricultural Employment

(In Thousands, Year Ago)

January 2009	308.4
February 2009	293.2
March 2009	296.0

What's new this quarter?

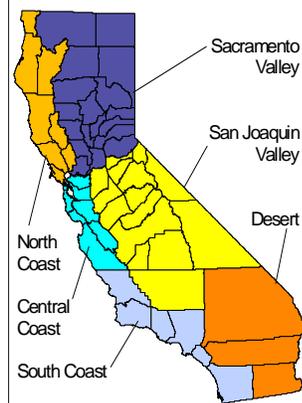
California's Highlights:

During the first quarter of 2010, California's agriculture sector has seen some improvement after a difficult 2009. Demand for the California-grown products is still not as good as prior years, however, things are beginning to improve. While winter precipitation has been normal across the state, farms still face difficulties in the year ahead.

Vegetable production saw an increase in sweet corn up four percent, honeydew melons up five percent, and watermelons up 14 percent from last year, all other vegetables saw a decrease or remained the same.

Fruit production saw an increase in naval oranges up 22 percent, and tangerines up 36 percent from last year, while all other fruit production decreased or remained the same. Even though strawberry production decreased seven percent from last year, California still ranked the highest for strawberry production throughout the nation.

California Agricultural Regions



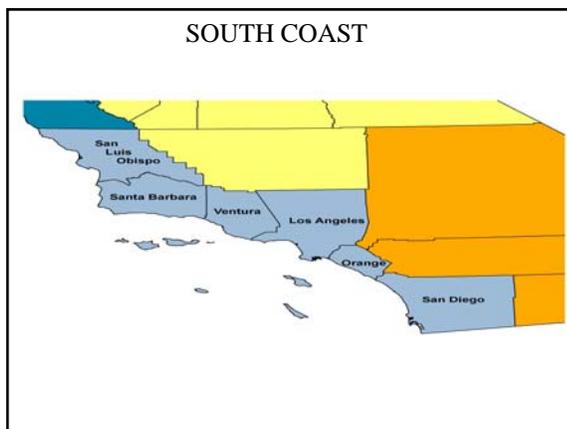
The USDA reports employment and earnings data for one month per quarter. For more national agricultural data, go to:

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

Regional Spotlight: South Coast

SAN DIEGO COUNTY LEADS THE RANKS IN CROP PRODUCTION FOR THIS REGION

- South Coast region, which includes San Diego, continues to lead the state in ranking with more than 24 percent of the states total for nursery product sales.
- This county ranks number one in both California and the nation in the production value of nursery floriculture and avocados.
- San Diego county also has more farms than any other county in the US, with almost 7,000. This county is the 16th largest agricultural economy in the nation. The farms produce more than 200 different commodities due to the mild climate.



Top 10 Crops in San Diego County	
Crop	Value
1. Indoor Flowering & Foliage Plants	\$319.1 million
2. Ornamental Trees & Shrubs	\$304.3 million
3. Bedding Plants	\$237.3 million
4. Avocados	\$144.7 million
5. Tomatoes	\$74.2 million
6. Eggs	\$70.8 million
7. Cut Flowers & Foliage	\$67.5 million
8. Poinsettia	\$38.7 million
9. Oranges, Valencia	\$26.9 million
10. Herbs	\$23.6 million

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)			(2009 Annual Average)		
	Jan-10	Feb-10	Mar-10	Jan-10	Feb-10	Mar-10	Employment	Earnings	
Total Agricultural	19,100	18,800	19,900	\$11.94	\$12.17	\$12.24	24,983	\$11.59	
Agricultural Production/Crops	11,600	10,800	11,300	\$12.09	\$12.17	\$11.95	14,883	\$11.33	
Agricultural Production/Livestock	1,600	1,600	1,700	\$11.95	\$12.28	\$12.41	1,667	\$11.62	
Total Agricultural Support	5,900	6,400	6,900	\$12.77	\$12.57	\$12.83	8,383	\$12.54	



San Joaquin Valley

San Joaquin Valley Agricultural Employment and Wages by Industry Sector									
MAJOR SECTOR	(Current Employment)			(Average Hourly Earnings)			(2009 Annual Average)		
	Jan-10	Feb-10	Mar-10	Jan-10	Feb-10	Mar-10	Employment	Earnings	
Total Agricultural	154,400	145,000	133,600	\$ 11.02	\$ 11.37	\$ 11.37	181,233	\$11.18	
Agricultural Production/Crops	53,000	50,100	46,700	\$ 10.95	\$ 11.28	\$ 11.37	62,983	\$11.02	
Agricultural Production/Livestock	19,500	19,500	19,500	\$ 11.65	\$ 11.69	\$ 11.49	20,208	\$11.50	
Total Agricultural Support	81,300	75,100	67,100	\$ 12.47	\$ 12.95	\$ 12.52	96,683	\$12.01	



Desert

Desert Agricultural Employment and Wages by Industry Sector									
MAJOR SECTOR	(Current Employment)			(Average Hourly Earnings)			(2009 Annual Average)		
	Jan-10	Feb-10	Mar-10	Jan-10	Feb-10	Mar-10	Employment	Earnings	
Total Agricultural	25,400	24,100	26,000	\$ 11.43	\$ 11.54	\$ 11.68	24,167	\$11.20	
Agricultural Production/Crops	8,900	8,400	9,400	\$ 10.95	\$ 11.28	\$ 11.37	9,558	\$10.83	
Agricultural Production/Livestock	2,500	2,500	2,500	\$ 11.86	\$ 11.95	\$ 11.69	2,817	\$11.86	
Total Agricultural Support	13,800	13,000	13,900	\$ 12.74	\$ 12.51	\$ 12.39	11,592	\$12.17	



South Coast

South Coast Agricultural Employment and Wages by Industry Sector									
MAJOR SECTOR	(Current Employment)			(Average Hourly Earnings)			(2009 Annual Average)		
	Jan-10	Feb-10	Mar-10	Jan-10	Feb-10	Mar-10	Employment	Earnings	
Total Agricultural	55,800	59,400	64,200	\$ 11.17	\$ 11.13	\$ 11.30	65,558	\$11.17	
Agricultural Production/Crops	37,200	40,100	44,100	\$ 10.84	\$ 10.95	\$ 10.72	44,775	\$11.02	
Agricultural Production/Livestock	1,900	1,900	1,900	\$ 12.62	\$ 12.57	\$ 12.50	1,808	\$12.68	
Total Agricultural Support	16,400	17,200	17,900	\$ 9.24	\$ 9.42	\$ 9.34	18,650	\$9.07	



Central Coast

Central Coast Agricultural Employment and Wages by Industry Sector									
MAJOR SECTOR	(Current Employment)			(Average Hourly Earnings)			(2009 Annual Average)		
	Jan-10	Feb-10	Mar-10	Jan-10	Feb-10	Mar-10	Employment	Earnings	
Total Agricultural	35,200	37,600	40,700	\$ 12.46	\$ 12.12	\$ 11.98	61,342	\$12.29	
Agricultural Production/Crops	17,500	18,000	19,600	\$ 11.30	\$ 11.56	\$ 11.84	31,233	\$11.37	
Agricultural Production/Livestock	800	800	800	\$ 12.83	\$ 12.98	\$ 13.00	1,100	\$12.58	
Total Agricultural Support	16,800	18,700	20,200	\$ 13.42	\$ 13.59	\$ 13.59	29,042	\$13.02	



North Coast

North Coast Agricultural Employment and Wages by Industry Sector									
MAJOR SECTOR	(Current Employment)			(Average Hourly Earnings)			(2009 Annual Average)		
	Jan-10	Feb-10	Mar-10	Jan-10	Feb-10	Mar-10	Employment	Earnings	
Total Agricultural	11,800	13,000	12,900	\$ 12.39	\$ 12.37	\$ 12.66	15,333	\$11.84	
Agricultural Production/Crops	6,800	7,400	7,300	\$ 12.05	\$ 12.15	\$ 12.35	8,575	\$11.41	
Agricultural Production/Livestock	1,500	1,500	1,500	\$ 11.86	\$ 11.79	\$ 11.57	1,575	\$11.57	
Total Agricultural Support	3,300	3,900	3,900	\$ 12.39	\$ 12.42	\$ 12.64	5,084	\$12.55	

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