

Agricultural Bulletin

What's new this quarter?

1st Quarter, 2013 Quick Facts:

CA Agricultural Employment (In Thousands)

Jan	2013	326.5
Feb	2013	323.0
Mar	2013	320.0

CA Agricultural Average Hourly Earnings (In Dollars per Hour)

Jan	2013	13.29
Feb	2013	13.37
Mar	2013	13.44

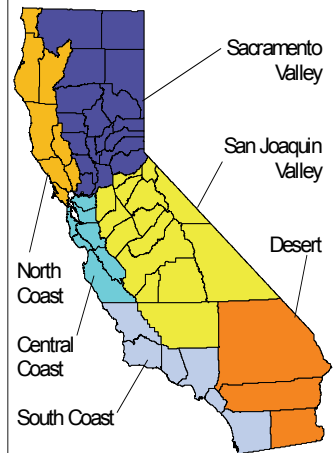
CA Agricultural Employment (In Thousands, Year Ago)

Jan	2012	430.6
Feb	2012	386.6
Mar	2012	335.8

California Highlights:

- As 2013 gets underway, California is still experiencing an increasing lack of labor. The shortage deepens as fewer younger workers arrive from Mexico and more head home to stay. California's \$44.3 billion agricultural industry must rely on the older workers.
- California's almond crop for 2013 could be a near-record 2.0 billion pounds, according to an annual forecast by federal agriculture officials, which is 6 percent above last year's output of 1.89 billion pounds and just below the record 2.03 billion pounds harvested in 2011. Also, tangerine forecast is 23.6 million cartons, up 8 percent from last year's crop.
- The state's floriculture crop leads the nation with a value of \$974 million in sales, for operations with more than \$100,000 comprising 24.4 percent of the U.S. total wholesale value.
- California is the nation's leading producer of strawberries, averaging 1.4 billion pounds of strawberries or 83% of the country's total fresh and frozen strawberry production. The value of the California strawberry crop is approximately \$700 million with related employment of more than 48,000 people.

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*

South Coast region includes: Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, & Ventura

- Santa Barbara County's agriculture continues to bring in a great deal of revenue into the county. The county's total value of their crops was over \$1 billion for the seventh year in a row. This year, it stands at around \$1.3 billion.



- This was an approximate 8% increase over the data collected in 2012. According to data released by the Santa Barbara County Agricultural Commissioner's Office, Santa Barbara County is only 13th in agriculture production across all the counties in California.
- The county's main crop is strawberries, but county officials consider the diversity of their crops to be one of the county's main strengths when it comes to agriculture. Overall, they produce 57 types of vegetables, 27 types of fruits, and 52 varieties of flowers and potted plants. County officials such as County Agriculture Commissioner Cathy Fisher say that the county's agriculture fuels its economy, and that agriculture and agriculture related commerce contributed over 2.5 billion to the county in 2012.
- Strawberries are also the largest crop grown in Ventura County and represent millions in revenues to the area.

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)		
	Jan-13	Feb-13	Mar-13	Jan-13	Feb-13	Mar-13	Employment	Earnings	
Total Agricultural	20,900	19,600	20,500	\$ 13.67	\$ 13.76	\$ 13.83	25,683.00	\$ 13.15	
Agricultural Production/Crops	12,800	11,500	12,000	\$ 13.26	\$ 13.34	\$ 13.41	15,650.00	\$ 12.84	
Agricultural Production/Animal	1,700	1,700	1,700	\$ 13.63	\$ 13.70	\$ 13.78	1,700.00	\$ 13.14	
Total Agricultural Support	6,300	6,300	6,700	\$ 14.11	\$ 14.19	\$ 14.25	8,283.00	\$ 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)		
	Jan-13	Feb-13	Mar-13	Jan-13	Feb-13	Mar-13	Employment	Earnings	
Total Agricultural	168,900	163,300	148,900	\$ 12.48	\$ 12.56	\$ 12.64	196,983	\$ 11.82	
Agricultural Production/Crops	56,100	53,300	49,000	\$ 12.37	\$ 12.45	\$ 12.53	63,275	\$ 11.80	
Agricultural Production/Animal	21,100	21,100	21,100	\$ 12.58	\$ 12.66	\$ 12.74	21,083	\$ 12.09	
Total Agricultural Support	91,300	88,500	78,400	\$ 13.76	\$ 13.88	\$ 13.97	112,067	\$ 13.30	



Desert

Desert Agricultural Employment and Wages by Industry Sector									
MAJOR SECTOR	(Current Employment)			(Average Hourly Earnings)			(2012 Annual Average)		
	Jan-13	Feb-13	Mar-13	Jan-13	Feb-13	Mar-13	Employment	Earnings	
Total Agricultural	28,600	25,100	25,800	\$ 12.69	\$ 12.79	\$ 12.86	25,575	\$ 12.27	
Agricultural Production/Crops	9,600	8,700	8,800	\$ 12.31	\$ 12.40	\$ 12.44	9,025	\$ 11.86	
Agricultural Production/Animal	2,500	2,500	2,500	\$ 12.83	\$ 12.95	\$ 12.99	2,442	\$ 12.60	
Total Agricultural Support	16,400	13,800	14,400	\$ 14.56	\$ 14.63	\$ 14.71	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)		
	Jan-13	Feb-13	Mar-13	Jan-13	Feb-13	Mar-13	Employment	Earnings	
Total Agricultural	56,100	61,700	67,700	\$ 13.31	\$ 13.42	\$ 13.51	68,750	\$ 12.81	
Agricultural Production/Crops	36,800	41,100	46,900	\$ 12.73	\$ 12.82	\$ 12.91	44,875	\$ 12.28	
Agricultural Production/Animal	1,900	1,900	1,900	\$ 13.92	\$ 13.96	\$ 14.04	1,825	\$ 13.60	
Total Agricultural Support	17,300	18,600	18,800	\$ 12.05	\$ 12.16	\$ 12.23	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)		
	Jan-13	Feb-13	Mar-13	Jan-13	Feb-13	Mar-13	Employment	Earnings	
Total Agricultural	39,200	39,800	44,000	\$ 13.33	\$ 13.42	\$ 13.46	64,533	\$ 12.78	
Agricultural Production/Crops	17,800	18,200	20,100	\$ 13.20	\$ 13.28	\$ 13.34	31,792	\$ 12.67	
Agricultural Production/Animal	700	700	700	\$ 13.69	\$ 13.83	\$ 13.89	650	\$ 13.48	
Total Agricultural Support	20,600	20,800	23,100	\$ 15.56	\$ 15.65	\$ 15.69	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)		
	Jan-13	Feb-13	Mar-13	Jan-13	Feb-13	Mar-13	Employment	Earnings	
Total Agricultural	12,500	13,200	12,900	\$ 14.23	\$ 14.29	\$ 14.36	14,850	\$ 13.85	
Agricultural Production/Crops	6,800	7,100	6,930	\$ 14.26	\$ 14.33	\$ 14.41	7,892	\$ 13.94	
Agricultural Production/Animal	1,600	1,600	1,600	\$ 12.67	\$ 12.76	\$ 12.80	1,525	\$ 12.33	
Total Agricultural Support	3,900	4,300	4,100	\$ 14.69	\$ 14.75	\$ 14.82	5,208	\$ 14.13	

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