

Agricultural Bulletin

4th Quarter, 2013

Quick Facts:

CA Agricultural Employment (In Thousands)

Oct	2013	446.3
Nov	2013	391.8
Dec	2013	348.9

CA Agricultural Average Hourly Earnings (In Dollars per Hour)

Oct	2013	13.88
Nov	2013	13.95
Dec	2013	14.01

CA Agricultural Employment (In Thousands, Year Ago)

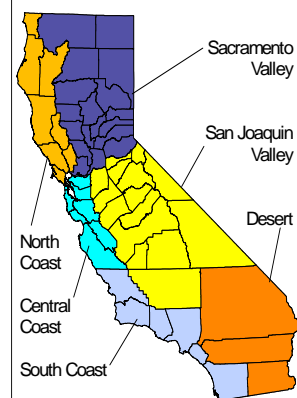
Oct	2012	438.3
Nov	2012	393.4
Dec	2012	342.3

What's new this quarter?

California Highlights:

- California ranked second in the United States in 2013 in exported agricultural products equaling \$13.8 billion.
- California is the nation's leading producer of strawberries. During 2013 more than 2.3 billion pounds were harvested, valued at nearly \$2.6 billion. According to the Department of Food and Agriculture, strawberries are the sixth most valuable fruit crop produced in California.
- The 2013-2014 California lemon forecast is 43.0 million cartons (860 thousand tons), up 2 percent from last season. The tangerine forecast is 27.0 million cartons (540 thousand tons), up 4 percent from last season. In California, Satsuma mandarin and tangerine harvests remain active.
- All rice production in California for 2013 is forecast at 46.7 million Cwt (hundredweight), up 4 percent from the previous year.

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/>

- A bill is pending in the legislature that would subject California farms to the same overtime rules as all other industries, a change that could have an economic impact on California agriculture at a time when farmers across the state are dealing with high production costs and depressed markets. In California, farm workers are entitled to one and one-half times the regular rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 10 in a day. All other industries must pay one and one-half times the regular rate of pay for hours worked in excess of eight in a day and 40 in a week. (source:<http://www.progressivedairy.com>)

Regional Spotlight: *Central Coast*

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



- Strawberries continued their long reign as the top agricultural commodity for the Central Coast region. California's northern strawberry region is south of San Francisco and includes Santa Cruz and Monterey and some acreage in Santa Clara and San Benito.
- Berries brought in \$390 million, which is 65 percent of the agricultural gross value for Santa Cruz. The value of the strawberry crop was up 5 percent, while raspberries were up 6 percent, the second most valuable crop.
- Santa Cruz harvested nearly \$600 million in crops in 2013, breaking the previous years record by \$33 million.

Regional Agricultural Employment and Wages by Industry Sector



Sacramento Valley

Sacramento Valley Agricultural Employment and Wages by Industry Sector (Butte, Colusa, El Dorado, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Solano, Sutter, Tehama, Yolo, Yuba)									
MAJOR SECTOR	(Current Employment)			(Average Hourly Earnings)			(2013 Annual Average)		
	Oct-13	Nov-13	Dec-13	Oct-13	Nov-13	Dec-13	Employment	Earnings	
Total Agricultural	31,700	25,700	22,200	\$ 14.12	\$ 14.17	\$ 14.22	26,233	\$ 13.98	
Agricultural Production/Crops	20,400	15,900	13,300	\$ 13.86	\$ 13.93	\$ 13.99	15,808	\$ 13.64	
Agricultural Production/Animal	1,600	1,600	1,600	\$ 14.09	\$ 14.16	\$ 14.22	1,692	\$ 13.94	
Total Agricultural Support	9,600	8,100	7,200	\$ 14.36	\$ 14.42	\$ 14.47	8,642	\$ 14.33	



San Joaquin Valley

San Joaquin Valley Agricultural Employment and Wages by Industry Sector (Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, Fresno, Inyo, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Mono, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Tulare, Tuolumne)									
MAJOR SECTOR	(Current Employment)			(Average Hourly Earnings)			(2013 Annual Average)		
	Oct-13	Nov-13	Dec-13	Oct-13	Nov-13	Dec-13	Employment	Earnings	
Total Agricultural	224,000	199,900	183,700	\$ 13.11	\$ 13.19	\$ 13.24	207,508	\$ 12.88	
Agricultural Production/Crops	75,100	66,000	60,700	\$ 13.08	\$ 13.16	\$ 13.25	64,742	\$ 12.83	
Agricultural Production/Animal	21,200	20,800	20,700	\$ 13.01	\$ 13.08	\$ 13.13	20,700	\$ 12.87	
Total Agricultural Support	127,100	112,500	101,700	\$ 14.28	\$ 14.36	\$ 14.39	121,517	\$ 14.12	



Desert

Desert Agricultural Employment and Wages by Industry Sector (Imperial, Riverside, San Bernardino)									
MAJOR SECTOR	(Current Employment)			(Average Hourly Earnings)			(2013 Annual Average)		
	Oct-13	Nov-13	Dec-13	Oct-13	Nov-13	Dec-13	Employment	Earnings	
Total Agricultural	22,800	23,900	28,400	\$ 13.24	\$ 13.33	\$ 13.41	24,708	\$ 13.06	
Agricultural Production/Crops	9,000	9,400	10,100	\$ 12.92	\$ 12.99	\$ 13.05	9,167	\$ 12.71	
Agricultural Production/Animal	2,300	2,300	2,300	\$ 13.10	\$ 13.18	\$ 13.27	2,258	\$ 13.00	
Total Agricultural Support	11,400	12,200	16,000	\$ 14.99	\$ 15.07	\$ 15.14	13,208	\$ 14.87	



South Coast

South Coast Agricultural Employment and Wages by Industry Sector (Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura)									
MAJOR SECTOR	(Current Employment)			(Average Hourly Earnings)			(2013 Annual Average)		
	Oct-13	Nov-13	Dec-13	Oct-13	Nov-13	Dec-13	Employment	Earnings	
Total Agricultural	70,300	65,800	59,900	\$ 13.97	\$ 14.06	\$ 14.11	69,392	\$ 13.75	
Agricultural Production/Crops	46,500	44,300	40,700	\$ 13.48	\$ 13.56	\$ 13.65	45,817	\$ 13.16	
Agricultural Production/Animal	1,800	1,800	1,800	\$ 14.26	\$ 14.32	\$ 14.38	1,800	\$ 14.17	
Total Agricultural Support	21,900	19,600	17,300	\$ 12.91	\$ 13.01	\$ 13.04	21,675	\$ 12.60	



Central Coast

Central Coast Agricultural Employment and Wages by Industry Sector (Alameda, Contra Costa, Monterey, San Benito, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz)									
MAJOR SECTOR	(Current Employment)			(Average Hourly Earnings)			(2013 Annual Average)		
	Oct-13	Nov-13	Dec-13	Oct-13	Nov-13	Dec-13	Employment	Earnings	
Total Agricultural	79,600	64,100	43,400	\$ 13.94	\$ 14.01	\$ 14.08	65,400	\$ 13.70	
Agricultural Production/Crops	39,100	31,900	22,200	\$ 13.86	\$ 13.94	\$ 14.01	32,483	\$ 13.59	
Agricultural Production/Animal	600	600	600	\$ 14.30	\$ 14.35	\$ 14.38	600	\$ 14.11	
Total Agricultural Support	39,700	31,500	20,500	\$ 16.11	\$ 16.16	\$ 16.24	32,225	\$ 15.89	



North Coast

North Coast Agricultural Employment and Wages by Industry Sector (Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Marin, Mendocino, Napa, Sonoma, Trinity)									
MAJOR SECTOR	(Current Employment)			(Average Hourly Earnings)			(2013 Annual Average)		
	Oct-13	Nov-13	Dec-13	Oct-13	Nov-13	Dec-13	Employment	Earnings	
Total Agricultural	17,900	12,400	11,300	\$ 14.87	\$ 14.92	\$ 14.99	15,183	\$ 14.62	
Agricultural Production/Crops	9,400	6,600	6,200	\$ 14.87	\$ 14.93	\$ 15.01	7,933	\$ 14.63	
Agricultural Production/Animal	1,500	1,500	1,500	\$ 13.19	\$ 13.25	\$ 13.31	1,500	\$ 13.02	
Total Agricultural Support	6,800	4,100	3,400	\$ 15.56	\$ 15.59	\$ 15.66	5,533	\$ 15.19	

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