

Agricultural Bulletin

1st Quarter, 2014

Quick Facts:

CA Agricultural Employment (In Thousands)

Jan	2014	335.6
Feb	2014	339.6
Mar	2014	344.7

CA Agricultural Average Hourly Earnings (In Dollars per Hour)

Jan	2014	14.07
Feb	2014	14.13
Mar	2014	14.18

CA Agricultural Employment (In Thousands, Year Ago)

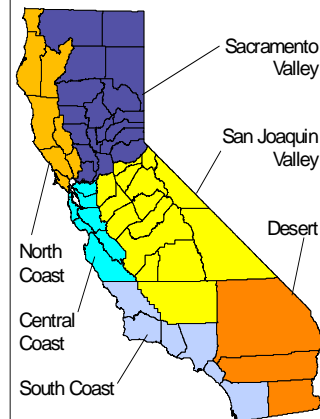
Jan	2013	329.6
Feb	2013	335.2
Mar	2013	339.7

What's new this quarter?

California Highlights:

- The Agricultural Act of 2014 was signed into law in February. This bill makes major changes in commodity programs, adds new crop insurance options, streamlines conservation programs, modifies some provisions of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and expands programs for specialty crops, organic farmers, bioenergy, rural development, and beginning farmers and ranchers. (<http://www.ers.usda.gov>)
- Over the year, milk production in California through March 2014 has increased and milk prices have reached record highs. California produced 3.81 billion pounds of milk in March 2014. This was 12.1 percent above February 2014 and 3.7 percent above March 2013. (www.nass.usda.gov/ca)
- Mid-March prices received by California farmers increased from February for alfalfa hay (\$3 per ton) and other hay (\$7 per ton), and were unchanged for fall potatoes.
- In the midst of the worst California drought in decades, grass is stunted and some creeks are dry. This is causing California ranchers to send cattle to Nevada, Texas, Nebraska and beyond. (www.cdfa.ca.gov)

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: *North Coast*

North Coast region includes:

Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Marin, Mendocino, Napa, Sonoma & Trinity



North Coast

- In this current drought, dry farming was a scheduled session at the 7th Organic Winegrowing Conference. Dry farming isn't new, all Napa wineries used to be dry-farmed. The vines aren't watered except to get them started. Many growers seem to think dry farming produces poor yields, but Rossi Ranch in Rutherford, which dry farms, averages about five-tons per acre. (<http://napavalleyregister.com>)
- Wine is big business in California and getting bigger, with 90% of all U.S. wine production coming from California. Napa County has 391 commercial wineries and Sonoma has 260. This region of Northern California is home to nearly half the wineries in the entire state. (http://pcimagenetwork.com/harvest/sustainable_agriculture.html)

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)		
	Jan-14	Feb-14	Mar-14	Jan-14	Feb-14	Mar-14	Employment	Earnings	
Total Agricultural	21,000	20,800	22,100	\$ 14.28	\$ 14.34	\$ 14.39	26,233	\$ 13.98	
Agricultural Production/Crops	14,300	13,700	14,600	\$ 14.11	\$ 14.17	\$ 14.22	15,808	\$ 13.64	
Agricultural Production/Animal	12,700	12,100	13,000	\$ 14.06	\$ 14.13	\$ 14.19	1,692	\$ 13.94	
Total Agricultural Support	6,600	7,000	7,400	\$ 14.53	\$ 14.59	\$ 14.64	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)		
	Jan-14	Feb-14	Mar-14	Jan-14	Feb-14	Mar-14	Employment	Earnings	
Total Agricultural	178,800	177,000	167,400	\$ 13.32	\$ 13.38	\$ 13.44	207,508	\$ 12.88	
Agricultural Production/Crops	75,900	75,500	72,300	\$ 13.43	\$ 13.49	\$ 13.54	64,742	\$ 12.83	
Agricultural Production/Animal	55,900	55,400	52,200	\$ 13.31	\$ 13.38	\$ 13.42	22,700	\$ 12.87	
Total Agricultural Support	102,400	101,000	94,600	\$ 14.47	\$ 14.54	\$ 14.60	61,033	\$ 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)		
	Jan-14	Feb-14	Mar-14	Jan-14	Feb-14	Mar-14	Employment	Earnings	
Total Agricultural	26,500	24,200	25,300	\$ 13.46	\$ 13.51	\$ 13.56	24,708	\$ 13.06	
Agricultural Production/Crops	12,000	11,500	12,100	\$ 12.87	\$ 12.93	\$ 12.98	9,167	\$ 12.71	
Agricultural Production/Animal	9,700	9,200	9,800	\$ 13.11	\$ 13.17	\$ 13.22	2,258	\$ 13.00	
Total Agricultural Support	14,400	12,600	13,100	\$ 15.18	\$ 15.22	\$ 15.27	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)		
	Jan-14	Feb-14	Mar-14	Jan-14	Feb-14	Mar-14	Employment	Earnings	
Total Agricultural	58,400	64,000	70,900	\$ 14.17	\$ 14.23	\$ 14.28	69,392	\$ 13.75	
Agricultural Production/Crops	40,500	44,700	50,700	\$ 13.11	\$ 13.17	\$ 13.24	45,817	\$ 13.16	
Agricultural Production/Animal	38,700	42,900	48,900	\$ 13.70	\$ 13.76	\$ 13.83	1,800	\$ 14.14	
Total Agricultural Support	17,800	19,200	20,100	\$ 13.09	\$ 13.15	\$ 13.19	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)		
	Jan-14	Feb-14	Mar-14	Jan-14	Feb-14	Mar-14	Employment	Earnings	
Total Agricultural	38,200	40,000	45,400	\$ 14.14	\$ 14.20	\$ 14.25	65,400	\$ 13.70	
Agricultural Production/Crops	18,900	20,400	21,900	\$ 13.86	\$ 13.92	\$ 13.97	32,483	\$ 13.59	
Agricultural Production/Animal	18,300	19,800	21,300	\$ 14.07	\$ 14.13	\$ 14.17	600	\$ 14.11	
Total Agricultural Support	19,200	19,500	23,400	\$ 16.31	\$ 16.37	\$ 16.41	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)		
	Jan-14	Feb-14	Mar-14	Jan-14	Feb-14	Mar-14	Employment	Earnings	
Total Agricultural	12,700	13,600	13,600	\$ 15.06	\$ 15.11	\$ 15.15	15,183	\$ 14.62	
Agricultural Production/Crops	8,300	8,800	8,800	\$ 14.04	\$ 14.10	\$ 14.15	7,933	\$ 14.63	
Agricultural Production/Animal	6,800	7,300	7,300	\$ 15.07	\$ 15.13	\$ 15.18	1,500	\$ 13.02	
Total Agricultural Support	4,200	4,600	4,600	\$ 15.71	\$ 15.75	\$ 15.80	5,533	\$ 15.19	

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