CALIFORNIA Agricultural Bulletin

Employment Development Department
State of California

2nd Quarter, 2012 Quick Facts:

CA Agricultural Employment (In Thousands)

Apr	2012	368.3
May	2012	436.5
Jun	2012	458.3

CA Agricultural Average Hourly Earnings (In Dollars per Hour)

Apr	2012	12.63
May	2012	12.71
Jun	2012	12.74

CA Agricultural Employment (In Thousands, Year Ago)

Apr	2011	357.0
May	2011	428.7
Jun	2011	449.5

What's new this quarter?

California Highlights:

- Despite a significant long-term shortage of grapes and economic pressures, California's wine industry consumer base remains strong and growing. The fall harvest of California wine grape is anticipated to be strong, but it will not make up for several years of shortfall, according to a survey of wine executives.
- California's fruit and nut tree crops are a multi-billion dollar industry which represent one-third of the state's farm receipts and 70 percent of U.S. fruit and nut production. Advances in crop and genetic research help protect these valuable crops from pests and diseases to avoid major economic losses. The tangerine forecast is at 21.8 million cartons, up 11 percent from last year.
- The 2012 California olive crop forecast is 180 thousand tons, up 153 percent from last year's crop of 71.2 thousand tons. California produces 99 percent of all American olives. For additional olive production, see chart below
- Other highlights are; Alfalfa hay at 6.66 million tons, up 10 percent from last years crop, other hay is up 1 percent. Corn for grain is at 958 thousand tons, up 23 percent. Dry beans are at 1.27 million, up 23 percent. Oats are 45.6 thousand tons, 90 percent above 2011.

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: *San Joaquin Valley*

THE SINGLE RICHEST FARM REGION IN THE WORLD

- Three of California's six top olive growing counties are in San Joaquin Valley, which include Tulare County (53%), King's County, and Fresno County.
- This region is also know for growing cotton, with an increasing demand of organic grown cotton.
- The extreme heat has put a burden on the grapes grown in the San Joaquin Valley because long stretches of heat cause the grapes to go into survival mode, instead of producing sugar and enlarging the berries. In spite of these conditions, wine-type variety of grapes was up 9 percent from last years crop.

San Joaquin Valley

LaborMarketInfo
www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov

Source: http://www.nass .usda.gov/

Regional Agricultural Employment and Wages by Industry Sector

Sacramento Valley Agricultural Employment and Wages by Industry Sector

MAJOR SECTOR	(Current Employment) Apr-12	May-12	Jun-12	(Average Hourly Earnings) Apr-12	May-12	Jun-12	(2011 Annual Average) Employment	Earnings
Total Agricultural	23,500	26,000	26,600	$13.00	$13.08	$12.99	25,008	$12.44
Agricultural Production/Crops	14,100	15,300	15,800	$12.71	$12.77	$12.84	15,017	$12.45
Agricultural Production/Animal	1,700	1,700	1,700	$12.92	$13.01	$13.08	1,633	$12.81
Total Agricultural Support	7,700	9,000	9,100	$13.86	$13.93	$13.88	8,275	$13.61

San Joaquin Valley Agricultural Employment and Wages by Industry Sector

MAJOR SECTOR	(Current Employment) Apr-12	May-12	Jun-12	(Average Hourly Earnings) Apr-12	May-12	Jun-12	(2011 Annual Average) Employment	Earnings
Total Agricultural	169,100	213,400	223,400	$ 11.63	$ 11.76	$ 11.79	190,333	$10.90
Agricultural Production/Crops	57,900	65,100	65,200	$ 11.59	$ 11.71	$ 11.76	62,208	$11.09
Agricultural Production/Animal	21,100	21,200	21,200	$ 11.90	$ 11.96	$ 12.01	20,842	$11.68
Total Agricultural Support	89,700	126,600	136,200	$ 13.31	$ 13.24	$ 13.17	106,817	$12.81

Desert Agricultural Employment and Wages by Industry Sector

MAJOR SECTOR	(Current Employment) Apr-12	May-12	Jun-12	(Average Hourly Earnings) Apr-12	May-12	Jun-12	(2011 Annual Average) Employment	Earnings
Total Agricultural	25,900	27,800	30,900	$ 12.11	$ 12.18	$ 12.26	24,675	$11.75
Agricultural Production/Crops	9,100	9,800	10,600	$ 11.69	$ 11.81	$ 11.89	9,075	$11.14
Agricultural Production/Animal	2,500	2,500	2,500	$ 12.56	$ 12.48	$ 12.51	2,492	$12.11
Total Agricultural Support	14,300	15,500	17,800	$ 14.07	$ 14.15	$ 14.22	12,942	$13.63

South Coast Agricultural Employment and Wages by Industry Sector

MAJOR SECTOR	(Current Employment) Apr-12	May-12	Jun-12	(Average Hourly Earnings) Apr-12	May-12	Jun-12	(2011 Annual Average) Employment	Earnings
Total Agricultural	76,700	80,000	79,300	$ 12.64	$ 12.72	$ 12.78	67,333	$12.12
Agricultural Production/Crops	53,300	53,900	51,700	$ 12.13	$ 12.28	$ 12.23	43,767	$11.47
Agricultural Production/Animal	1,900	1,900	1,900	$ 13.61	$ 13.72	$ 13.56	1,800	$13.26
Total Agricultural Support	21,300	24,000	25,400	$ 11.29	$ 11.34	$ 11.39	21,542	$10.68

Central Coast Agricultural Employment and Wages by Industry Sector

MAJOR SECTOR	(Current Employment) Apr-12	May-12	Jun-12	(Average Hourly Earnings) Apr-12	May-12	Jun-12	(2011 Annual Average) Employment	Earnings
Total Agricultural	60,100	72,700	81,000	$ 12.62	$ 12.69	$ 12.75	63,083	$12.19
Agricultural Production/Crops	26,500	34,900	41,900	$ 12.46	$ 12.57	$ 12.66	32,167	$12.02
Agricultural Production/Animal	800	800	800	$ 13.33	$ 13.41	$ 13.49	800	$12.94
Total Agricultural Support	32,700	36,900	38,200	$ 14.83	$ 14.85	$ 14.92	29,900	$14.32

North Coast Agricultural Employment and Wages by Industry Sector

MAJOR SECTOR	(Current Employment) Apr-12	May-12	Jun-12	(Average Hourly Earnings) Apr-12	May-12	Jun-12	(2011 Annual Average) Employment	Earnings
Total Agricultural	13,000	16,600	17,100	$ 13.75	$ 13.83	$ 13.88	14,600	$13.02
Agricultural Production/Crops	7,200	8,800	9,100	$ 13.84	$ 13.97	$ 14.04	8,008	$13.06
Agricultural Production/Animal	1,500	1,600	1,600	$ 12.18	$ 12.27	$ 12.34	1,567	$12.03
Total Agricultural Support	4,100	6,000	6,200	$ 13.73	$ 13.97	$ 14.13	4,850	$13.11

The EDD is an equal opportunity employer program. You can request alternate formats by calling 916-262-2246.