CALIFORNIA Agricultural Bulletin

Employment Development Department
State of California

3rd Quarter, 2010 Quick Facts

CA Agricultural Employment

(In Thousands)

July	2010	350.3
Aug	2010	441.4
Sept	2010	454.4

CA Total Agricultural Average Hourly Earnings

(In dollars per Hour)

July	2010	11.75
Aug	2010	11.61
Sept	2010	11.76

CA Agricultural Employment

(In Thousands, Year Ago)

July	2009	374.9
Aug	2009	424.2
Sept	2009	443.5

What's new this quarter?

California's Highlights:

California agriculture continues to be known for its productivity and variety, with nine of the nation's top 10 producing counties in the state. According to statistics, California's farms and ranches consist of less than four percent of the nation's total, yet the state's agricultural production represents 11.2 percent of the total value of agricultural crops for the nation.

As the 3rd quarter comes to an end, the state noticed some significant changes in crop production. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) reported walnut production at 510 thousand tons, up 17 percent from 437 thousand tons in 2009. Sugar beets production also saw a significant increase of 13 percent from last year. Crops that saw a decrease were, rice production down eight percent, and corn for grain production down five percent from last year's crop.

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: *Desert*

THE DESERT REGION CONSISTS OF IMPERIAL, RIVERSIDE, AND SAN BERNARDINO COUNTIES

- Desert region has a well-known reputation for midwinter salad vegetables. Agriculture accounts for one-fourth of the jobs in this region, with the major crops being alfalfa, lettuce, sugar beets, and carrots.
- During the 3rd quarter, this region led the ranks in grapefruit and sugar beet production.
- This region produces alfalfa, which is the number one agronomic crop with over 173,000 acres in production. The alfalfa is grown in Imperial County, while the majority of the alfalfa is shipped to California dairies. Desert region is the largest alfalfa growing region in the world.
- Sugar beets are also a major crop in this region, with production averaging 40 tons.

DESERT REGION

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

Regional Agricultural Employment and Wages by Industry Sector

Sacramento Valley Agricultural Employment and Wages by Industry Sector

	(Current Employment)			(Average Hourly Earnings)			(2009 Annual Average)	
MAJOR SECTOR	Jul-10	Aug-10	Sep-10	Jul-10	Aug-10	Sep-10	Employment	Earnings
Total Agricultural	29,700	31,000	30,500	$11.72	$11.70	$11.70	29,433	$11.73
Agricultural Production/Crops	17,000	18,500	18,200	$11.56	$11.58	$11.58	17,280	$11.54
Agricultural Production/Livestock	1,900	1,900	1,900	$11.73	$11.73	$11.78	1,700	$11.86
Total Agricultural Support	10,800	10,600	10,400	$12.64	$12.60	$12.58	10,400	$12.64

San Joaquin Valley Agricultural Employment and Wages by Industry Sector

	(Current Employment)			(Average Hourly Earnings)			(2009 Annual Average)	
MAJOR SECTOR	Jul-10	Aug-10	Sep-10	Jul-10	Aug-10	Sep-10	Employment	Earnings
Total Agricultural	216,100	224,800	230,700	$ 11.24	$ 11.26	$ 11.28	278,933	$11.01
Agricultural Production/Crops	69,900	75,800	77,600	$ 11.11	$ 11.16	$ 11.16	74,166	$10.55
Agricultural Production/Livestock	20,300	20,700	20,800	$ 11.36	$ 11.39	$ 11.45	20,266	$11.29
Total Agricultural Support	125,500	127,800	131,800	$ 12.01	$ 12.04	$ 11.95	116,666	$9.89

Desert Agricultural Employment and Wages by Industry Sector

	(Current Employment)			(Average Hourly Earnings)			(2009 Annual Average)	
MAJOR SECTOR	Jul-10	Aug-10	Sep-10	Jul-10	Aug-10	Sep-10	Employment	Earnings
Total Agricultural	27,200	23,500	23,400	$ 10.65	$ 10.48	$ 10.61	27,400	$10.73
Agricultural Production/Crops	10,900	9,400	10,000	$ 10.95	$ 10.26	$ 10.31	9,908	$10.73
Agricultural Production/Livestock	2,500	2,500	2,500	$ 11.98	$ 11.99	$ 12.05	3,242	$12.17
Total Agricultural Support	13,600	11,400	10,700	$ 9.99	$ 10.14	$ 10.20	14,042	$10.02

South Coast Agricultural Employment and Wages by Industry Sector

	(Current Employment)			(Average Hourly Earnings)			(2009 Annual Average)	
MAJOR SECTOR	Jul-10	Aug-10	Sep-10	Jul-10	Aug-10	Sep-10	Employment	Earnings
Total Agricultural	71,700	68,900	68,800	$ 11.42	$ 11.46	$ 11.45	68,458	$10.56
Agricultural Production/Crops	44,700	43,100	43,000	$ 11.33	$ 11.45	$ 11.46	46,333	$10.62
Agricultural Production/Livestock	1,900	1,900	1,900	$ 12.54	$ 12.58	$ 12.53	1,967	$11.25
Total Agricultural Support	24,800	23,600	23,600	$ 11.47	$ 11.41	$ 11.39	19,867	$10.34

Central Coast Agricultural Employment and Wages by Industry Sector

	(Current Employment)			(Average Hourly Earnings)			(2009 Annual Average)	
MAJOR SECTOR	Jul-10	Aug-10	Sep-10	Jul-10	Aug-10	Sep-10	Employment	Earnings
Total Agricultural	84,100	83,700	82,400	$ 11.42	$ 11.46	$ 11.45	62,117	$11.06
Agricultural Production/Crops	42,200	42,800	42,300	$ 11.33	$ 11.45	$ 11.46	31,658	$11.02
Agricultural Production/Livestock	900	900	900	$ 12.54	$ 12.58	$ 12.53	925	$12.29
Total Agricultural Support	40,900	36,900	39,100	$ 11.47	$ 11.41	$ 11.39	29,425	$11.24

North Coast Agricultural Employment and Wages by Industry Sector

	(Current Employment)			(Average Hourly Earnings)			(2009 Annual Average)	
MAJOR SECTOR	Jul-10	Aug-10	Sep-10	Jul-10	Aug-10	Sep-10	Employment	Earnings
Total Agricultural	18,400	16,900	18,900	$ 11.82	$ 11.92	$ 11.87	15,480	$11.61
Agricultural Production/Crops	10,100	9,200	10,600	$ 11.29	$ 11.33	$ 11.34	8,878	$11.67
Agricultural Production/Livestock	1,500	1,500	1,500	$ 11.56	$ 11.69	$ 11.50	1,537	$10.89
Total Agricultural Support	6,600	6,000	6,600	$ 12.58	$ 12.34	$ 12.32	4,862	$11.83

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