CALIFORNIA Agricultural Bulletin

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Quick Facts:

CA Agricultural Employment (In Thousands)

Oct	2011	424.7
Nov	2011	376.8
Dec	2011	325.3

CA Agricultural Average Hourly Earnings (In Dollars per Hour)

Oct	2011	12.14
Nov	2011	12.22
Dec	2011	12.31

CA Agricultural Employment (In Thousands, Year Ago)

Oct	2010	428.4
Nov	2010	373.3
Dec	2010	318.0

What's new this quarter?

California Highlights:

Agriculture is one of the top three industries in the state, protecting this industry is absolutely critical to rebuilding California's economy. At the end of the fourth quarter the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics predicted the farming, fishing and ranching jobs will decline in the next decade. This prediction is mainly based on new technology that has already started to reduce the number of employees needed to help on California farms.

Community Supported Agriculture operations have grown rapidly in 2011. This is when members of a farming operation pay for produce in advance, and in return receive a share of the farm's produce. Members also share in production risks, such as low crop harvest.

According to the 2011 preliminary report by the Department of Food and Agriculture, the Almond crop was up by 11 percent compared to last year. The demand for seedless grapes for both raisins and wine production, has prompted a price war that many growers haven't seen in nearly ten years. As a result the regions major wineries increased their price per-ton from $15 to $265 during the 3rd quarter of 2011. In addition, rice production increased seven percent from last years total.

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: *Central Coast*

CENTRAL COAST REGION INCLUDES: ALAMEDA, CONTRA COSTA, MONTEREY, SAN BENITO, SAN FRANCISCO, SAN MATEO, SANTA CLARA, AND SANTA CRUZ COUNTIES

- California leads the nation in production of vegetable crops, with Central Coast region leading in our state.
- Monterey County leads the state in 10 commodities: Lettuce, Strawberries, Broccoli, Celery, Cauliflower, Salad Greens, Spinach, Mushrooms, Cabbage, and Artichokes.
- Agriculture in Monterey County contributes $8.2 billion into the economy; which nearly doubled from last year's total.

- Salinas Valley, located south of San Francisco in Monterey County, is the heart of the local agricultural economy, contributing 70 percent of economic output and 79 percent of the agricultural jobs.
- Monterey county is also directly responsible for more than 73,000 jobs in the agricultural industry, making agriculture the county's largest economic sector.
- Despite two major economic recessions, Monterey County agriculture production value grew 7.3 percent in the last quarter of 2011.
- According to a study, this region is the home of the packaged salad and pre-cut fresh vegetables, representing 90% market share of the fresh vegetable Industry. Because agriculture is year-round and highly labor intensive, Monterey County has the state's highest agricultural payroll.

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

	(Current Employment)			(Average Hourly Earnings)			(2011 Annual Average)	
MAJOR SECTOR	Oct-11	Nov-11	Dec-11	Oct-11	Nov-11	Dec-11	Employment	Earnings
Total Agricultural	32,000	27,500	22,800	$12.74	$12.91	$12.95	26,042	$12.44
Agricultural Production/Crops	19,600	16,900	14,100	$12.56	$12.64	$12.68	15,650	$12.45
Agricultural Production/Livestock	1,800	1,800	1,800	$12.72	$12.66	$12.68	1,775	$12.81
Total Agricultural Support	10,600	8,800	6,900	$13.61	$13.66	$13.71	8,617	$13.61

San Joaquin Valley Agricultural Employment and Wages by Industry Sector

	(Current Employment)			(Average Hourly Earnings)			(2011 Annual Average)	
MAJOR SECTOR	Oct-11	Nov-11	Dec-11	Oct-11	Nov-11	Dec-11	Employment	Earnings
Total Agricultural	207,700	182,800	166,300	$ 10.79	$ 10.83	$ 10.95	188,275	$10.90
Agricultural Production/Crops	74,100	65,600	59,400	$ 11.14	$ 11.17	$ 11.24	63,483	$11.09
Agricultural Production/Livestock	20,400	20,300	20,300	$ 11.48	$ 11.56	$ 11.59	20,175	$11.68
Total Agricultural Support	112,700	96,500	86,200	$ 12.71	$ 12.86	$ 12.97	104,233	$12.81

Desert Agricultural Employment and Wages by Industry Sector

	(Current Employment)			(Average Hourly Earnings)			(2011 Annual Average)	
MAJOR SECTOR	Oct-11	Nov-11	Dec-11	Oct-11	Nov-11	Dec-11	Employment	Earnings
Total Agricultural	25,000	25,700	26,700	$ 11.68	$ 11.80	$ 11.94	25,125	$11.75
Agricultural Production/Crops	9,500	9,700	9,900	$ 11.31	$ 11.42	$ 11.44	9,350	$11.14
Agricultural Production/Livestock	2,600	2,600	2,600	$ 12.28	$ 12.32	$ 12.41	2,575	$12.11
Total Agricultural Support	12,800	13,300	14,100	$ 13.89	$ 13.94	$ 13.96	13,100	$13.63

South Coast Agricultural Employment and Wages by Industry Sector

	(Current Employment)			(Average Hourly Earnings)			(2011 Annual Average)	
MAJOR SECTOR	Oct-11	Nov-11	Dec-11	Oct-11	Nov-11	Dec-11	Employment	Earnings
Total Agricultural	68,900	64,800	56,500	$ 12.46	$ 12.32	$ 12.37	66,875	$12.12
Agricultural Production/Crops	44,400	41,800	36,600	$ 11.69	$ 11.71	$ 11.75	44,208	$11.47
Agricultural Production/Livestock	1,900	1,900	1,900	$ 13.00	$ 13.22	$ 13.33	1,875	$13.26
Total Agricultural Support	22,400	20,900	17,800	$ 10.78	$ 10.87	$ 10.99	20,617	$10.68

Central Coast Agricultural Employment and Wages by Industry Sector

	(Current Employment)			(Average Hourly Earnings)			(2011 Annual Average)	
MAJOR SECTOR	Oct-11	Nov-11	Dec-11	Oct-11	Nov-11	Dec-11	Employment	Earnings
Total Agricultural	77,600	66,000	42,100	$ 12.11	$ 12.18	$ 12.21	62,558	$12.19
Agricultural Production/Crops	39,800	34,700	23,100	$ 12.13	$ 12.16	$ 12.19	31,775	$12.02
Agricultural Production/Livestock	800	800	800	$ 12.88	$ 12.92	$ 12.97	800	$12.94
Total Agricultural Support	36,900	30,400	18,100	$ 14.38	$ 14.50	$ 14.64	29,883	$14.32

North Coast Agricultural Employment and Wages by Industry Sector

	(Current Employment)			(Average Hourly Earnings)			(2011 Annual Average)	
MAJOR SECTOR	Apr-11	May-11	Jun-11	Apr-11	May-11	Jun-11	Employment	Earnings
Total Agricultural	18,900	12,800	11,400	$ 13.04	$ 13.25	$ 13.44	15,192	$13.02
Agricultural Production/Crops	10,700	6,900	6,400	$ 13.18	$ 13.26	$ 13.35	8,375	$13.06
Agricultural Production/Livestock	1,600	1,500	1,500	$ 12.00	$ 11.95	$ 11.83	1,558	$12.03
Total Agricultural Support	6,400	4,200	3,300	$ 13.61	$ 13.50	$ 13.47	5,058	$13.11

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