CALIFORNIA Agricultural Bulletin

Employment Development Department
State of California

2nd Quarter, 2009 Quick Facts

CA Agricultural Employment

(In Thousands)

April	2009	350.3
May	2009	441.4
June	2009	454.4

CA Total Agricultural Average Hourly Earnings

(In dollars per Hour)

April	2009	10.66
May	2009	10.71
June	2009	10.72

CA Agricultural Employment

(In Thousands, Year Ago)

April	2008	373.0
May	2008	453.6
June	2008	463.2

What's new this quarter?

California's Highlights:

California remains one of the major suppliers of agricultural products, while supplying the nation with items grown only in the State, such as almonds and pomegranates. According to the United States Department of Agriculture, (USDA) National Agricultural Statistics, California led the ranks in apricot production at 66,000 tons, unchanged from 2008, also leading the ranks is peach production at 44,000 tons, unchanged from 2008. Grape production was down four percent, while wine grape production was up eight percent from the previous year's crop.

At the end of the second quarter farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of $10.91 per hour, up 40 cents from the second quarter of 2008. The number of hours worked averaged 39.8 hours, down two percent from 2008.

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: *Sacramento Valley*

SACRAMENTO VALLEY LEADS THE STATE IN ALMOND PRODUCTION

- Sacramento Valley continues to lead the state in almond acreage and production. This region counted 6,737 almonds per tree, leading the ranks, with San Joaquin Valley following second, with 5,400 nuts per tree.
- During the 2nd quarter, Sacramento also led the ranks in grain production (which includes corn planted for all purposes) by producing 78,680 tons, followed by Glenn County, which produced 38,494 tons of grain.
- Wine grapes, milk, nursery products, pears, and poultry continue to remain top commodities for the Sacramento Valley region.

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Sacramento Valley	6,527	6,326	6,888	7,758	8,157	6,737
San Joaquin Valley	7,290	5,262	6,710	7,350	7,340	5,400
State	7,162	5,461	6,723	7,413	7,452	5,589

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-09	May-09	Jun-09	(Average Hourly Earnings) Apr-09	May-09	Jun-09	(2008 Annual Average) Employment	Earnings
Total Agricultural	22,700	27,000	27,900	$11.72	$11.70	$11.70	24,983	$11.59
Agricultural Production/Crops	13,000	15,200	15,800	$11.56	$11.58	$11.58	14,883	$11.33
Agricultural Production/Livestock	1,700	1,700	1,700	$11.73	$11.73	$11.78	1,667	$11.62
Total Agricultural Support	7,900	10,100	10,400	$12.64	$12.60	$12.58	8,383	$12.54

San Joaquin Valley Agricultural Employment and Wages by Industry Sector

MAJOR SECTOR	(Current Employment) Apr-09	May-09	Jun-09	(Average Hourly Earnings) Apr-09	May-09	Jun-09	(2008 Annual Average) Employment	Earnings
Total Agricultural	157,800	214,200	218,800	$ 11.24	$ 11.26	$ 11.28	190,592	$11.03
Agricultural Production/Crops	56,000	67,400	67,800	$ 11.11	$ 11.16	$ 11.16	63,075	$10.65
Agricultural Production/Livestock	20,400	20,500	20,600	$ 11.36	$ 11.39	$ 11.45	20,850	$11.23
Total Agricultural Support	81,100	125,900	129,500	$ 12.01	$ 12.04	$ 11.95	106,392	$12.19

Desert Agricultural Employment and Wages by Industry Sector

MAJOR SECTOR	(Current Employment) Apr-09	May-09	Jun-09	(Average Hourly Earnings) Apr-09	May-09	Jun-09	(2008 Annual Average) Employment	Earnings
Total Agricultural	23,000	28,900	30,900	$ 11.16	$ 11.18	$ 11.19	27,400	$10.84
Agricultural Production/Crops	9,800	12,200	12,300	$ 10.66	$ 10.70	$ 10.74	9,908	$10.16
Agricultural Production/Livestock	2,800	2,800	2,800	$ 11.70	$ 11.73	$ 11.67	3,242	$11.95
Total Agricultural Support	10,200	13,700	15,600	$ 12.06	$ 12.03	$ 12.11	14,042	$11.99

South Coast Agricultural Employment and Wages by Industry Sector

MAJOR SECTOR	(Current Employment) Apr-09	May-09	Jun-09	(Average Hourly Earnings) Apr-09	May-09	Jun-09	(2008 Annual Average) Employment	Earnings
Total Agricultural	74,900	78,900	75,800	$ 11.27	$ 11.35	$ 11.21	68,458	$11.35
Agricultural Production/Crops	53,600	55,600	52,000	$ 11.28	$ 11.42	$ 11.20	46,333	$11.22
Agricultural Production/Livestock	1,800	1,800	1,800	$ 12.58	$ 12.75	$ 12.55	1,967	$12.70
Total Agricultural Support	19,200	21,200	21,700	$ 9.05	$ 9.02	$ 9.04	19,867	$9.14

Central Coast Agricultural Employment and Wages by Industry Sector

MAJOR SECTOR	(Current Employment) Apr-09	May-09	Jun-09	(Average Hourly Earnings) Apr-09	May-09	Jun-09	(2008 Annual Average) Employment	Earnings
Total Agricultural	57,700	73,800	80,100	$ 12.27	$ 12.33	$ 12.32	62,117	$12.45
Agricultural Production/Crops	27,500	35,300	40,900	$ 11.20	$ 11.25	$ 11.20	31,658	$11.25
Agricultural Production/Livestock	1,000	1,100	1,300	$ 12.52	$ 12.47	$ 12.58	925	$12.61
Total Agricultural Support	29,200	37,400	38,900	$ 12.84	$ 12.98	$ 12.92	29,425	$13.19

North Coast Agricultural Employment and Wages by Industry Sector

MAJOR SECTOR	(Current Employment) Apr-10	May-10	Jun-10	(Average Hourly Earnings) Apr-10	May-10	Jun-10	(2009 Annual Average) Employment	Earnings
Total Agricultural	13,800	17,500	18,900	$ 11.82	$ 11.92	$ 11.87	15,429	$11.23
Agricultural Production/Crops	7,800	9,500	10,600	$ 11.29	$ 11.33	$ 11.34	8,883	$9.23
Agricultural Production/Livestock	1,600	1,600	1,600	$ 11.56	$ 11.69	$ 11.50	1,533	$11.47
Total Agricultural Support	4,260	6,190	6,560	$ 12.58	$ 12.34	$ 12.32	4,862	$12.53

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