CALIFORNIA Agricultural Bulletin

Employment Development Department
State of California

3rd Quarter, 2011 Quick Facts:

CA Agricultural Employment (In Thousands)

Jul	2011	442.4
Aug	2011	446.5
Sep	2011	449.8

CA Agricultural Average Hourly Earnings (In Dollars per Hour)

Jul	2011	11.97
Aug	2011	12.01
Sep	2011	12.08

CA Agricultural Employment (In Thousands, Year Ago)

Jul	2010	433.3
Aug	2010	436.7
Sep	2010	443.8

What's new this quarter?

California Highlights:

Agriculture is California's number one industry. The state provides nearly 50 percent of its fresh fruits and vegetables to the nation. By the end of the 3rd quarter, vegetable production improved considerably compared to last years crop. Carrots led the ranks with a 30 percent increase in production. California also dominates the nation in organic production of agricultural commodities, by producing more than 90 percent of the nation's organic sales for 14 different products, including fruits, vegetables, nuts and berries, according to a survey from the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics.

California farmers continue struggling to get enough water to nourish their crops, even after a wet winter that left reservoirs full. Since the state experienced many dry years in the past, the amount of flowing water is down and the option to get more water is limited.

According to the Agricultural Classification Survey, a majority of California growers reported labor shortages. The farmers indicated they had experienced challenges in finding workers this year, mainly due to the improving economy in Mexico, combined with a weaker economy in the U.S.

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*

The North Coast region consists of Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Marin, Mendocino, Napa, Sonoma, and Trinity counties

- Napa Valley is one of the top wine regions in the United States. Because of the Mediterranean climate the valley produces quality wine grapes. Also, due to the states current water shortage, Napa Valley decided to try dry-farming in the 2011 grape season. According to the Napa County Agricultural Commissioner, the dry-farmed wines tasted better.
- Humboldt and Napa county won the Excellence in Agricultural Award in 2011.
- Marin county is known for its quality grasslands due to foggy, moist conditions that keep the grasses green most of the year. This keeps the dairy cows, beef cattle, and sheep grazing. Organic livestock production is the second largest agricultural industry in the county, while milk and livestock products dominate Marin's agricultural activities.
- Sonoma county is one of the most diverse and special wine growing regions in the nation.
- Monterey county is the number one vegetable producing region in the nation, due to its Mediterranean-like climate.

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* THE DATA BELOW REPRESENTS THE MOST CURRENT *

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

Regional Agricultural Employment and Wages by Industry

Sacramento Valley Agricultural Employment and Wages by Industry Sector

MAJOR SECTOR	(Current Employment) Jul-11	Aug-11	Sep-11	(Average Hourly Earnings) Jul-11	Aug-11	Sep-11	(2010 Annual Average) Employment	Earnings
Total Agricultural	29,700	31,200	30,600	$12.37	$12.42	$12.55	25,425	$12.05
Agricultural Production/Crops	17,800	19,300	18,800	$12.59	$12.45	$12.51	14,942	$11.92
Agricultural Production/Livestock	1,900	1,900	1,900	$12.79	$12.96	$12.84	1,800	$12.54
Total Agricultural Support	10,000	10,000	9,900	$13.61	$13.56	$13.69	8,633	$13.06

San Joaquin Valley Agricultural Employment and Wages by Industry Sector

MAJOR SECTOR	(Current Employment) Jul-11	Aug-11	Sep-11	(Average Hourly Earnings) Jul-11	Aug-11	Sep-11	(2010 Annual Average) Employment	Earnings
Total Agricultural	215,800	223,900	229,500	$ 10.66	$ 10.76	$ 10.85	186,233	$11.07
Agricultural Production/Crops	70,100	76,200	78,100	$ 10.97	$ 10.92	$ 11.05	63,175	$10.97
Agricultural Production/Livestock	20,300	20,500	20,500	$ 11.50	$ 11.58	$ 11.49	20,108	$11.53
Total Agricultural Support	125,000	126,700	130,400	$ 12.75	$ 12.63	$ 12.52	102,608	$12.59

Desert Agricultural Employment and Wages by Industry Sector

MAJOR SECTOR	(Current Employment) Jul-11	Aug-11	Sep-11	(Average Hourly Earnings) Jul-11	Aug-11	Sep-11	(2010 Annual Average) Employment	Earnings
Total Agricultural	24,900	22,800	23,200	$ 11.94	$ 11.72	$ 11.77	26,133	$11.62
Agricultural Production/Crops	8,700	7,700	8,700	$ 11.37	$ 11.24	$ 11.15	10,183	$11.13
Agricultural Production/Livestock	2,600	2,600	2,600	$ 12.22	$ 12.43	$ 12.19	2,467	$12.01
Total Agricultural Support	13,500	12,400	11,800	$ 13.88	$ 13.66	$ 13.84	13,217	$12.59

South Coast Agricultural Employment and Wages by Industry Sector

MAJOR SECTOR	(Current Employment) Jul-11	Aug-11	Sep-11	(Average Hourly Earnings) Jul-11	Aug-11	Sep-11	(2010 Annual Average) Employment	Earnings
Total Agricultural	72,700	71,400	70,600	$ 12.03	$ 12.22	$ 12.33	67,842	$11.63
Agricultural Production/Crops	47,600	46,500	45,200	$ 11.54	$ 11.62	$ 11.55	44,625	$11.02
Agricultural Production/Livestock	1,900	1,900	1,900	$ 13.12	$ 13.02	$ 12.95	1,892	$12.88
Total Agricultural Support	23,000	22,800	23,300	$ 10.77	$ 10.88	$ 10.85	21,017	$9.76

Central Coast Agricultural Employment and Wages by Industry Sector

MAJOR SECTOR	(Current Employment) Jul-11	Aug-11	Sep-11	(Average Hourly Earnings) Jul-11	Aug-11	Sep-11	(2010 Annual Average) Employment	Earnings
Total Agricultural	81,500	80,800	78,600	$ 12.01	$ 11.91	$ 12.08	64,283	$11.96
Agricultural Production/Crops	41,500	41,600	40,400	$ 11.93	$ 11.87	$ 12.04	31,867	$11.65
Agricultural Production/Livestock	800	800	800	$ 12.92	$ 13.08	$ 12.99	842	$13.11
Total Agricultural Support	39,100	38,300	37,300	$ 14.33	$ 14.21	$ 14.29	31,483	$13.93

North Coast Agricultural Employment and Wages by Industry Sector

MAJOR SECTOR	(Current Employment) Jul-11	Aug-11	Sep-11	(Average Hourly Earnings) Jul-11	Aug-11	Sep-11	(2010 Annual Average) Employment	Earnings
Total Agricultural	17,800	16,400	17,300	$ 12.79	$ 13.04	$ 12.92	15,383	$12.32
Agricultural Production/Crops	9,600	9,000	9,800	$ 13.19	$ 13.03	$ 13.06	8,683	$12.29
Agricultural Production/Livestock	1,600	1,600	1,600	$ 11.95	$ 12.01	$ 12.06	1,492	$11.92
Total Agricultural Support	6,400	5,600	5,700	$ 13.36	$ 13.48	$ 13.57	5,000	$12.66

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