# CALIFORNIA Agricultural Bulletin

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## 4th Quarter, 2010 Quick Facts

**CA Agricultural Employment**

**(In Thousands)**

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|---|---|---|
| Oct | 2010 | 412.2 |
| Nov | 2010 | 360.8 |
| Dec | 2010 | 323.1 |

**CA Total Agricultural Average Hourly Earnings**

**(In dollars per Hour)**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Oct | 2010 | 11.91 |
| Nov | 2010 | 11.87 |
| Dec | 2010 | 11.86 |

**CA Agricultural Employment**

**(In Thousands, Year Ago)**

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|---|---|---|
| Oct | 2009 | 401.3 |
| Nov | 2009 | 347.0 |
| Dec | 2009 | 307.0 |

## What's new this quarter?

***California Highlights:***

California still remains the largest producer of agricultural products and the top exporting State. California also leads the nation in farm income. In terms of revenue, the State's top five agricultural products are dairy products, greenhouse and nursery products, grapes, almonds, and cattle. For the fourth quarter of 2010 agricultural revenue increased 36 percent to $12.5 million, compared to revenue of $9.2 million in the fourth quarter of the previous year. Top crops that contributed to increase are lemons, which increased from $4.9 million in 2009 to $5.0 million in 2010, followed by orange and specialty crop, which increased from $1.1 million in 2009 to $1.2 million in 2010.

At the end of the 2010, California led the nation in crop production of apricots, sweet cherries, peaches, lemons, and mandarins. The olive crop outlook for 2010 improved compared to the past two years, increasing to 140,000 tons, up 202 percent from last year's crop of 46,300 tons.

**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: *South Coast*

**The South Coast Region consists of**
**Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura**

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- Ventura County is one of the most productive agricultural regions in the nation. Growers produce more than 100 commercial crops and the annual value of Ventura County production ranks 10th among the nation's total. Lemons cover the most land in this County.

South Coast

- Although Orange County is not a high-profile agriculture industry, it contributes more than $300 million to the local economy. The farmers of Orange County maintain tracts of open space, plant trees and crops that help improve air quality and provide a harvest of locally grown products.
- For the fifth year in a row, the value of Santa Barbara County's agricultural products surpassed $1 billion. Strawberries were the record-setting product and remained the county's leading crop in 2010. The crop grossed $392.3 million. Broccoli followed in second place with a total value of $122.5 million.
- San Diego County ranked 12th in the nation among more than 3,000 counties. This area also has more small farms than any other county, and they are ranked first in avocado production and nursery crops. The Mediterranean-like climate makes San Diego an ideal place to grow agricultural crops and livestock products.

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



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# Regional Agricultural Employment and Wages by Industry Sector

**Sacramento Valley Agricultural Employment and Wages by Industry Sector**

| MAJOR SECTOR | (Current Employment) Oct-10 | Nov-10 | Dec-10 | (Average Hourly Earnings) Oct-10 | Nov-10 | Dec-10 | (2009 Annual Average) Employment | Earnings |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total Agricultural | 31,300 | 26,000 | 22,100 | $12.23 | $12.06 | $11.91 | 24,725 | $11.77 |
| Agricultural Production/Crops | 19,400 | 16,000 | 12,900 | $11.94 | $12.02 | $12.11 | 14,462 | $11.64 |
| Agricultural Production/Livestock | 1,900 | 1,800 | 1,600 | $12.39 | $12.58 | $12.65 | 1,700 | $11.88 |
| Total Agricultural Support | 10,000 | 8,200 | 7,000 | $13.28 | $13.17 | $13.24 | 10,400 | $12.62 |

**San Joaquin Valley Agricultural Employment and Wages by Industry Sector**

| MAJOR SECTOR | (Current Employment) Oct-10 | Nov-10 | Dec-10 | (Average Hourly Earnings) Oct-10 | Nov-10 | Dec-10 | (2009 Annual Average) Employment | Earnings |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total Agricultural | 195,200 | 174,500 | 163,800 | $ 11.01 | $ 11.12 | $ 11.14 | 181,233 | $11.18 |
| Agricultural Production/Crops | 72,500 | 66,800 | 60,900 | $ 11.02 | $ 11.19 | $ 11.19 | 62,983 | $11.02 |
| Agricultural Production/Livestock | 20,600 | 20,600 | 20,000 | $ 11.41 | $ 11.64 | $ 11.93 | 20,208 | $11.50 |
| Total Agricultural Support | 101,700 | 86,800 | 84,000 | $ 12.71 | $ 12.93 | $ 12.61 | 96,683 | $12.01 |

**Desert Agricultural Employment and Wages by Industry Sector**

| MAJOR SECTOR | (Current Employment) Oct-10 | Nov-10 | Dec-10 | (Average Hourly Earnings) Oct-10 | Nov-10 | Dec-10 | (2009 Annual Average) Employment | Earnings |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total Agricultural | 24,400 | 25,400 | 24,600 | $ 11.63 | $ 11.41 | $ 11.33 | 24,167 | $11.20 |
| Agricultural Production/Crops | 10,500 | 10,100 | 9,100 | $ 10.70 | $ 10.79 | $ 10.71 | 9,558 | $10.83 |
| Agricultural Production/Livestock | 2,500 | 2,500 | 2,100 | $ 12.25 | $ 12.01 | $ 11.84 | 2,817 | $11.86 |
| Total Agricultural Support | 11,200 | 12,600 | 12,400 | $ 12.85 | $ 13.06 | $ 13.09 | 11,592 | $12.17 |

**South Coast Agricultural Employment and Wages by Industry Sector**

| MAJOR SECTOR | (Current Employment) Oct-10 | Nov-10 | Dec-10 | (Average Hourly Earnings) Oct-10 | Nov-10 | Dec-10 | (2009 Annual Average) Employment | Earnings |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total Agricultural | 70,600 | 66,200 | 56,400 | $ 12.10 | $ 12.00 | $ 11.79 | 65,558 | $11.17 |
| Agricultural Production/Crops | 46,500 | 44,100 | 37,200 | $ 11.29 | $ 11.18 | $ 11.09 | 44,775 | $11.02 |
| Agricultural Production/Livestock | 1,900 | 1,900 | 1,800 | $ 13.39 | $ 13.50 | $ 13.40 | 1,808 | $12.68 |
| Total Agricultural Support | 22,000 | 20,000 | 16,600 | $ 10.33 | $ 10.48 | $ 10.32 | 18,650 | $9.07 |

**Central Coast Agricultural Employment and Wages by Industry Sector**

| MAJOR SECTOR | (Current Employment) Oct-10 | Nov-10 | Dec-10 | (Average Hourly Earnings) Oct-10 | Nov-10 | Dec-10 | (2009 Annual Average) Employment | Earnings |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total Agricultural | 77,800 | 65,300 | 43,000 | $ 12.03 | $ 12.19 | $ 12.34 | 61,342 | $12.29 |
| Agricultural Production/Crops | 38,700 | 33,500 | 22,800 | $ 11.62 | $ 11.66 | $ 11.88 | 31,233 | $11.37 |
| Agricultural Production/Livestock | 900 | 900 | 800 | $ 13.44 | $ 13.09 | $ 12.78 | 1,100 | $12.58 |
| Total Agricultural Support | 38,100 | 30,800 | 19,400 | $ 14.46 | $ 14.43 | $ 14.31 | 29,042 | $13.02 |

**North Coast Agricultural Employment and Wages by Industry Sector**

| MAJOR SECTOR | (Current Employment) Oct-10 | Nov-10 | Dec-10 | (Average Hourly Earnings) Oct-10 | Nov-10 | Dec-10 | (2009 Annual Average) Employment | Earnings |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total Agricultural | 18,700 | 13,100 | 11,000 | $ 12.43 | $ 12.41 | $ 12.62 | 15,333 | $11.84 |
| Agricultural Production/Crops | 10,800 | 7,700 | 6,300 | $ 12.30 | $ 12.50 | $ 12.72 | 8,575 | $11.41 |
| Agricultural Production/Livestock | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,400 | $ 12.12 | $ 12.27 | $ 12.21 | 1,575 | $11.51 |
| Total Agricultural Support | 6,200 | 3,700 | 3,000 | $ 13.66 | $ 13.53 | $ 13.23 | 5,034 | $12.55 |

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