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FOOD PRODUCTION

FEEDING THE WORLD

California farmers produced a record \$36.6 billion in farm commodities in 2007, an increase of \$2.2 billion from the previous high set in 2005 when sales totaled \$32.4 billion.

FARM PRODUCTION

California maintains its position as the No. 1 farm state in the U.S. while producing more than 400 different commodities, a number of which are grown solely in California.

Dairy production, the No. 1 California farm commodity, accounted for \$7.33 billion, up from \$4.49 billion in 2006. Dairy production rose 4.8 percent from 2006. California accounted for 22 percent of U.S. milk production with most of it used to make cheese and butter.

The state's 75,000 farms and ranches account for only four percent of the farms in the nation yet led the nation in cash sales, representing 12.8 percent of total U.S. agricultural production. California was home to 1-in-10 U.S. farms with sales in excess of \$500,000 and the state's average of \$488,000 per farm was 3-1/2 times higher than the U.S. average.



Dairy cows

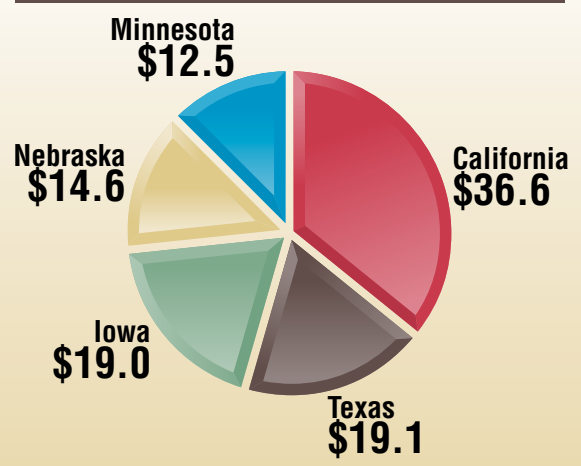


Young almond orchard



Wheat

Total Dollar Value in Billions





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California led the nation in the production of 79 different commodities, 12 of which are grown exclusively in the state. They are:

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| Almonds | Persimmons |
| Artichokes | Dried Plums |
| Figs | Pomegranates |
| Raisin Grapes | Sweet Rice |
| Olives | Ladino Clover Seed |
| Clingstone Peaches | Walnuts |



Lima beans



Almond harvest



Lettuce

LEADING COUNTIES

The most productive agricultural counties in the nation are in California, home to nine of the top 10 producers. County agricultural commissioners reported that collectively there was a 15 percent increase in the value of agricultural production over 2006. Fourteen counties reported agricultural production values in excess of \$1.1 billion each and the state leader, Fresno County, exceeded \$5.3 billion, up 10.4 percent over 2006. Tulare County was second with \$4.87 billion, up 25.9 percent; Kern had a 22.7 percent increase to \$4.09 billion, replacing Monterey County as the No. 3 county.

EXPORTS

California's agricultural exports reached an all-time high of \$10.9 billion; almost 30 percent of the total production and an 11 percent increase over 2006. California farm products were exported to 156 countries around the globe, with 83 percent going to the top 10 destinations. Canada, Europe and Japan were the top three export destinations and accounted for 57 percent of the total export value. Wine exports increased 11 percent from 2006, in line with the overall trend of increasing exports for the past six years.

California's Top 10 Agriculture Export Markets, 2007

Rank	Country	Export Value <i>Millions</i>	Leading Exports
1	Canada	2,222	Lettuce, Strawberries, Table Grapes
2	Europe Union-27	2,134	Almonds, Wine, Pistachios
3	Japan	957	Rice, Almonds, Lemons
4	China/Hong Kong	638	Cotton, Almonds and Beef Products
5	Mexico	643	Dairy and Products, Table Grapes, Cotton
6	South Korea	386	Orange and Products, Rice, Beef and Products
7	Taiwan	238	Rice, Peaches, Nectarines, Beef and Products
8	India	201	Almonds, Cotton, Table Grapes
9	Australia	150	Table Grapes, Walnuts, Wine
10	United Arab Emirates	126	Almonds, Walnuts, Table Grapes

Top 20 Agricultural Exports

Almonds	Lettuce
Dairy and Dairy Products	Oranges and Orange Products
Wine	Raisins
Table Grapes	Beef and Beef Products
Cotton	Dried Plums
Walnuts	Lemons
Pistachios	Peaches and Nectarines
Rice	Hay
Tomatoes, Processed	Broccoli
Strawberries	Carrots

