California Farms at a Glance

California is home to roughly 76,700 farms.

California harvests approximately 15.8 million acres of farmland.

California farms produce about $46 billion in farm product sales.

California's agriculture sector contributes about $89 billion to the economy every year.

California's top 10 crops (in billions of dollars):
- Dairy
- Grapes
- Almonds
- Cattle
- Lettuce
- Strawberries
- Pistachios
- Tomatoes
- Walnuts
- Oranges

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California's farm product sales are greater than Texas and Nebraska combined.

In 2014, California farms hired more than 829,000 people.

Percent of people employed in agriculture


California - National Leader

Percent of national farmland
97.5 % California
2.5 % Other States

Percent of national farm-gate sales
87.1 % California
12.9 % Other States

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Leading Commodities

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