On August 3, the State Water Resources Control Board completely eliminated 2021’s surface water supplies for farms in much of the state.

The action affects about 5,700 water rights holders with roughly 12,500 water rights from north of Lake Shasta to Fresno, prohibiting them from diverting surface water for the purpose of farming.

Fewer crops have been planted due to the drought and these additional cuts by the Water Board could affect the upcoming harvest of crops still in the ground.

It has been two short years since the state’s reservoirs were largely full, yet supplies today are extremely low. Substantial new state and federal investments in our water supply infrastructure are needed to prevent future water shortages.

CROP REDUCTIONS TO-DATE
- Alfalfa
- Almonds
- Apricots
- Asparagus
- Beans
- Cantaloupes
- Corn
- Garlic
- Grapes
- Honeydew
- Lettuce
- Onions
- Peaches
- Peppers
- Pima Cotton
- Rice
- Sweet Corn
- Tomatoes
- Watermelons
- Wheat

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