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The State Water Project Supports One of California's Largest Industries: Agriculture

The State Water Project (SWP) provides clean, reliable water to support California's agricultural production – one of the state's largest and most important industries:

- **$54 billion** in revenue
- **$100 billion** in related economic activity
- **422,000+** direct agriculture jobs
- **76,400** farms and ranches

The Nation's Breadbasket

- **$21.02 billion** in total agricultural exports
- **13%** of the nation's total agriculture value
- **40%** of the nation's organic production
- **400+** commodities
- **33%+** of the nation's vegetables
- **67%** of the nation's fruits and nuts

California's top commodities for 2018-2019:

- **Dairy Products, Milk** — $7.34 billion, 18.1%
- **Almonds** — $6.09 billion, 100%
- **Grapes** — $5.41 billion, 94.6%
- **Cattle and Calves** — $3.06 billion, 4.6%
- **Strawberries** — $2.22 billion, 87.9%
- **Pistachios** — $1.94 billion, 100%
- **Lettuce** — $1.82 billion, 52.3%
- **Walnuts** — $1.29 billion, 100%
- **Floriculture** — $1.22 billion, 25.5%
- **Tomatoes** — $1.17 billion, 73.4%

*Percentages reflect California's share of total U.S. receipts for each commodity as represented by the United States Department of Agriculture Economic Research Service: https://data.ers.usda.gov/reports.aspx?ID=17844#P98843f144856420eb22ec2ab25b13b91_2_251iT0R0x0

SWP Quick Facts

- Serves 27 million Californians
- Irrigates 750,000 acres of farmland across the state
- Provides 3/4 of California's disadvantaged communities with some or all of their water supplies
- Made up of 34 storage facilities, reservoirs, lakes and 701 miles of open canals and pipelines
- Carries water from the Sierra Nevada mountains, through the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, to communities throughout the state from the Bay Area to San Diego
- Without the SWP, California would need to replace up to 4.2 million acre-feet of high-quality water annually to meet state demand

From Farm to Table

The agriculture industry goes beyond farms to support jobs in restaurants, grocery stores and more:

2.8+ million jobs

$119.30 billion in wages

$369.19 billion in direct output

$25.42 billion in exports

*The 2020 Food and Agriculture Industries Economic Impact Study, 2020, The Goodstone Group: https://goodstone.guerrillaeconomics.net/reports/ead4bf73-7d5f-4924-a192-3a0b75a9d0d0

SUPPORTING REGIONS ACROSS CALIFORNIA

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The agriculture industry provides great economic value & jobs to regions that rely on the SWP:

REGION	GROSS ECONOMIC VALUE	DIRECT JOBS	TOP COMMODITIES
CENTRAL COAST	$5,886,278	71,183+	Strawberries Lettuce Broccoli Wine Grapes Mushrooms
DESERT	$4,010,082	69,250+	Alfalfa Hay Milk Eggs Table Grapes Lemons
NORTH COAST	$2,851,625	15,708+	Wine Grapes Milk Pears Cattle & Calves Livestock Products
SACRAMENTO VALLEY	$5,711,255	28,033+	Tomatoes Prunes Rice Almonds Walnuts
SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY	$36,624,114	209,967+	Oranges Grapes Milk Almonds Pistachios
SOUTH COAST	$6,712,820	69,250+	Avocados Lemons Celery Raspberries Strawberries

Unless otherwise noted, all data represented on this fact sheet was pulled from the following sources:

- The California Department of Food & Agriculture 2018-2019 Report: https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/statistics/PDFs/2018-2019AgReportnass.pdf
- The Employment Development Department, Labor Market Information Division: https://www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov/data/ca-agriculture.html#ADD