



## Report: California tops \$50 Billion in ag revenue

- *Nearly 6 percent higher than in 2017*
- *“These are still exciting times for agriculture”*

California’s farmers and ranchers had more than \$50 billion in cash receipts for their output last year, an increase of almost 6 percent compared to 2016, according to the new California Agricultural Statistics Review for crop year 2017.

That is nearly double the next highest state, according to the California Department of Food and Agriculture. The Number 2 state is Iowa, followed by Texas, Nebraska and Minnesota.

## Top 5 Agricultural States in Crop Cash Receipts, 2017

Rank	State	Crop Cash Receipts <sup>1</sup> \$1,000
	United States	374,341,092
1	California	50,132,029
2	Iowa	26,979,830
3	Texas	22,901,476
4	Nebraska	21,456,823
5	Minnesota	17,286,890

<sup>1</sup> Based on August 30, 2018 USDA Economic Research Service cash receipts.

Seven out of the top ten counties for agricultural output value are in the Central Valley:

County Rank, Total Value of Production and Leading Commodities, 2017 <sup>1</sup>				
Rank		County <sup>2</sup>	Total Value	Leading Commodities
2016	2017		\$1,000	
1	1	Kern	7,254,004	Grapes (Table), Almonds, Milk, Pistachios
2	2	Tulare	7,039,709	Milk, Grapes (Table), Cattle & Calves, Oranges
3	3	Fresno	7,024,915	Almonds, Poultry, Pistachios, Milk
4	4	Monterey	4,425,425	Strawberries, Lettuce, Broccoli, Grapes (Wine)
6	5	Stanislaus	3,648,192	Almonds, Milk, Chickens, Nursery (Fruit/Vine/Nut, non-bearing)
5	6	Merced	3,409,518	Milk, Almonds, Chickens, Cattle & Calves
7	7	San Joaquin	2,527,966	Grapes (Wine), Milk, Almonds, Walnuts
8	8	Ventura	2,099,889	Strawberries, Lemons, Celery, Raspberries
10	9	Kings	2,066,329	Milk, Cotton (Pima), Cattle & Calves, Almonds
9	10	Imperial	2,065,599	Cattle & Calves, Lettuce, Hay (Alfalfa), Broccoli

California's agricultural abundance includes more than 400 commodities. Over a third of the country's vegetables and two-thirds of the country's fruits and nuts are grown in California. California is the leading state for cash farm receipts, accounting for over 13 percent of the nation's total agricultural value. The top producing commodities for 2017 include:

Dairy products, milk — \$6.56 billion

Grapes — \$5.79 billion

Almonds — \$5.60 billion

Strawberries — \$3.10 billion

Cattle and calves — \$2.53 billion

Lettuce — \$2.41 billion

Walnuts — \$1.59 billion

Tomatoes — \$1.05 billion

Pistachios — \$1.01 billion

Broilers — \$939 million

“As you know, farming and ranching can be a tough business. But these are still exciting times for agriculture,” says Karen Ross, secretary of the California Department of Food and Agriculture in the report. “As we move further into the 21st Century we see a worldwide demand for food that is growing rapidly, and a corresponding demand for California-grown products that will bring tremendous opportunity for producers able to maintain sustainability in the face of climate change.”

California agricultural exports totaled \$20.56 billion for 2017. Top commodities for export in 2017 included almonds, dairy and dairy products, pistachios, wine and walnuts.

***Notable Increases in California Production:***

Plums, Dried .....	94%
Cherries, Sweet .....	78%
Beans, Garbanzo Dry .....	37%
Potatoes, Spring .....	29%
Pumpkins.....	27%
Cotton, American-Pima.....	25%
Haylage and Greenchop, All .....	20%
Potatoes, All .....	20%

***Notable Decreases in California Production:***

Barley .....	-69%
Raspberries, Black .....	-47%
Avocados .....	-44%
Beans, Blackeye Dry.....	-44%
Haylage and Greenchop, Alfafa.....	-42%