Fresno County Farm Bureau (FCFB), a non-profit membership organization, promotes and protects agriculture. The organization’s vision is to lead the industry and the community in addressing issues that result in long-term economic viability for agriculture and promoting the economic vitality of the region. FCFB membership provides:

**Advocacy**
Farm Bureau advocates on and impacts legislation and regulation at the local, regional, state and federal levels, bringing agricultural interests to the forefront of discussions surrounding issues that affect the industry. Among topics addressed are water, labor, land use, energy and environmental issues.

**Education**
Farm Bureau educates farmers and ranchers on critical issues, as well as connects children and the public to agriculture, through an array of annual programs, including:

- **Coffee Talk** - Hosts monthly forums between public officials and FCFB members.
- **Trainings** - Hosts a variety of seminars to assist members with their resource needs, such as heat-illness prevention, equipment safety, water quality and continuing education hours.
- **Leadership Development** - Cultivates community champions for agriculture through FAACT program, an eight-month intensive class where participants acquire knowledge about a broad spectrum of issues.
- **“Valley’s Gold”** - Partners with ValleyPBS to produce a television series highlighting aspects of local agriculture beyond the grocery counter. To learn more, visit [www.valleysgold.org](http://www.valleysgold.org).

**Outreach**
FCFB serves as the region’s leading agricultural media source. Farm Bureau keeps the agricultural community informed on issues that affect agriculture by utilizing its weekly e-newsletter, *Ag Wire*, weekly newspaper, *Ag Alert*, and monthly newspaper, *Agricultural Today*.
California Agriculture

- California is the leading farm state in the union — $50.13 billion in 2017. (CDFA)
- California is the fifth largest supplier of food and farm commodities in the world, producing more than 400 commercial crops. (UC Davis, CDFA)
- For more than 50 years, California has been the number one agricultural exporter. The state set a record in agricultural exports, with nearly $20.56 billion in 2017. (CDFA)
- California produces one-third of the U.S. grown fruits, nuts and vegetables. (CDFA)
- California has 77,100 farms and ranches; less than 4 percent of the nation’s total. Yet, the Golden State’s agricultural production represents 13.4 percent of the nation’s total value. (CDFA)
- In 2017, California land in farms and ranches totaled more than 25.3 million acres. The average farm size in the state is 328 acres. (CDFA)

Fresno County Agriculture

- Fresno County continues to be one of the top producing agricultural counties in the nation. Fresno County produces more than 300 commercial crops, worth more than $7.887 billion in 2018. (2018 Fresno County Crop and Livestock Report)
- In 2011, Fresno County’s agricultural productivity ranked 23 out of the 50 U.S. states. (USDA ERS)
- Fresno County has more than 4,744 farms. The average farm size is 345 acres. (USDA 2017 Census of Agriculture)
- Fresno County is one of the most diverse agricultural counties in the nation, with 1,278 farm operators of Asian decent, 75 of American Indian or Alaskan Native decent, and 20 farm operators of Black or African American decent. (USDA 2017 Census of Agriculture)
- Fresno County has more than 1.65 million acres in farmland. (USDA 2017 Census of Agriculture)
Fresno County’s Top 10 Crops—2018

Total gross production value of Fresno County agricultural commodities: $7.887 billion

1. Almonds
$1.178 billion

2. Grapes
$1.107 billion

3. Pistachios
$862.144 million

4. Poultry
$596.477 million

5. Garlic
$435.340 million

6. Milk
$415.812 million

7. Cattle
$392.235 million

8. Onions
$370.384 million

9. Tomatoes
$324.508 million

10. Mandarins
$234.969 million

Source: Fresno County Department of Agriculture 2018 Crop and Livestock Report

September 2019
## Fresno County Harvest Calendar

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### HARVESTED YEAR-ROUND
- Cattle and Calves
- Eggs
- Hogs and Pigs
- Honey
- Poultry
- Milk
- Nursery Products
- Sheep and Lambs

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Fresno County Farm Bureau

Working for you

2,500 Members
including 370 business support & premium members

Sponsored 60 trainings and events with over 1,500 attendees

Fresno County is home to 5,683 farms

Fresno County leads the state in production of 10 commodities
- Chickens
- Peaches
- Garlic
- Nectarines
- Tomatoes
- Turkeys
- Cantaloupes
- Sheep and Lambs
- Honeydew Melons
- Asparagus

Valley’s Gold reaches over 30,000 people each week

Assisted in over 200 media inquiries

5,304 followers between

FCFB supports agricultural students through four scholarship endowments totaling $123,089

FCFB Agricultural Members pay $175, of which $101 goes to the California Farm Bureau and $4 goes to the American Farm Bureau