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## Agricultural Fun Facts

- Every \$1 produced on the farm generates more than \$3.50 in the local and regional economy.
- Farmers use water to produce our food. Examples include: (*California Farm Water Coalition*)
  - It takes three gallons of water to produce a one cup of lettuce.
  - It takes 10.6 gallons of water to produce a slice of whole wheat bread.
  - To produce one serving of oranges, it takes 13.8 gallons.
  - It takes 48 gallons of water to produce eight fluid ounces of milk.
  - To produce one egg, it takes 62.7 gallons of water.
  - It takes 115 gallons of water to produce one chicken.
- California raisin growers produce 100 percent of the U.S. raisins annually in an area within a 60 mile radius of the City of Fresno. (*California Raisin Marketing Board*)
- California is the number one producer of almonds in the world. In 2012, California produced over 80 percent of the world's almonds. Fresno County continues to lead the state in almond production. (*CDFA*)
- In 2012, Fresno County had more than 3.8 million turkeys. There are more than four times as many turkeys than people in Fresno County! (*2012 Fresno County Crop and Livestock Report*)
- One 500 pound bale of cotton can produce 3,400 pairs of socks, 750 shirts, or 313,600 \$100 bills. (*California Cotton Ginners and Growers Associations; Cotton Council International*)
- Cotton is a food crop. Cottonseed oil is used in food products such as margarine and salad dressing, toothpaste, ice cream and cosmetics. (*California Cotton Ginners and Growers Associations*)
- In 2013, California produced 41.2 billion pounds of milk—more than 1/5 of the nation's production. (*CDFA*)
- California has been the nation's leading dairy state since 1993, when it surpassed Wisconsin in milk production. California is ranked first in the U.S. in the production of total milk, butter, ice cream, nonfat dry milk and whey protein concentrate. (*CDFA*)
- In 2013, the average California dairy cow produced 23,178 pounds of milk. (*CDFA*)
- Over 99 percent of grapes commercially grown in the U.S. come from California. (*California Table Grape Commission*)
- California is the nation's sole exporter of many agricultural commodities, supplying 99 percent or more of the following: almonds, artichokes, dates, figs, grapes (raisins), kiwifruit, olives, peaches (clingstone), pistachios, plums (dried), pomegranates, rice (sweet) and walnuts. (*CDFA*)
- Fresno County is a leading county in the state for production of: tomatoes, onions, melons, beans, sweet corn, garlic, lettuce, bell peppers, squash, almonds, apricots, blueberries, grapes, nectarines, citrus, peaches, pears, plums, pistachios, barley, cotton, hay, cattle and calves, chickens, hogs and pigs, honey, sheep, milk and cream, and turkeys. (*California Agricultural Statistics Review 2013-2014*)

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