



# Fresno County Farm Bureau

*Serving agriculture since 1917*

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.

**Farm & Nutrition Day** - Informs more than 3,500 students/volunteers about food, fiber and nutrition.

**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 FFACT 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*.





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## California Agriculture

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- California is the leading farm state in the union — \$54 billion in 2014. (*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 \$21.24 billion in 2013. (*CDFA*)
- California produces one-third of the U.S. grown fruits, nuts and vegetables. (*CDFA*)
- California has 76,400 farms and ranches; less than 4 percent of the nation's total. Yet, the Golden State's agricultural production represents 11.6 percent of the nation's total value. (*CDFA*)
- In 2012, California land in farms and ranches totaled more than 25.5 million acres. The average farm size in the state is 328 acres. (*USDA 2012 Census of Agriculture*)

## Fresno County Agriculture

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- Fresno County continues to be one of the top producing agricultural counties in the nation. Fresno County produces more than 400 commercial crops, worth more than \$6.61 billion in 2015. (*2015 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 5,600 farms. The average farm size is 303 acres. (*USDA 2012 Census of Agriculture*)
- Fresno County is one of the most diverse agricultural counties in the nation, with more than 1,499 farm operators of Asian decent, 140 of American Indian or Alaskan Native decent, and more than 52 farm operators of Black or African American decent. (*USDA 2012 Census of Agriculture*)
- Fresno County has more than 1.72 million acres in farmland. (*USDA 2012 Census of Agriculture*)

## Fresno County Top 10 Crops—2015

Total gross production value of Fresno County agricultural commodities: \$6.61 billion



1. Almonds  
\$1.206 billion



6. Milk  
\$436.765 million



2. Grapes  
\$896.295 million



7. Peaches  
\$224.597 million



3. Poultry  
\$561.146 million



8. Garlic  
\$198.800 million



4. Cattle & Calves  
\$551.989 million



9. Mandarins  
\$197.622 million



5. Tomatoes  
\$520.146 million



10. Oranges  
\$153.811 million



# Fresno County Harvest Calendar

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
Broccoli Citrus Grapefruit Lemons Oranges Pummelos Tangelos Tangerines	<b>FEBRUARY</b> Broccoli Citrus Lemons Oranges Tangelos Tangerines	<b>MARCH</b> Asparagus Broccoli Citrus Lemons Mandarins Oranges Tangelos Tangerines Lettuce	Asparagus Broccoli Citrus Oranges Lettuce Peas Strawberries Wheat	Alfalfa Apricots Asparagus Barley Bell Peppers Blueberries Boysenberries Cherries Chili Peppers Citrus Oranges Corn Cucumbers Eggplant Grapes Green Beans Nectarines Onions Peaches Peas Plums Squash Strawberries Tomatoes Wheat	Alfalfa Apricots Apriums Barley Bell Peppers Blueberries Cantaloupes Chili Peppers Citrus Oranges Corn Cucumbers Eggplant Figs Garbanzo Beans Grapes Green Beans Honeydew Nectarines Onions Peaches Pears Plums Pluots Safflower Squash Strawberries Tomatoes Watermelons Wheat	Alfalfa Almonds Apples Apriums Barley Bell Peppers Cantaloupes Carrots Chili Peppers Corn Cucumbers Eggplant Figs Garlic Grapes Green Beans Honeydew Jujubes Lettuce Nectarines Onions Peaches Pistachios Plums Pumpkins Rice Sorghum Squash Tomatoes Walnuts Watermelons Wheat	Alfalfa Apples Barley Bell Peppers Cantaloupes Carrots Chili Peppers Corn Cucumbers Eggplant Figs Garlic Grapes Green Beans Honeydew Jujubes Lettuce Nectarines Onions Peaches Pistachios Plums Pumpkins Rice Sorghum Squash Tomatoes Walnuts Watermelons Wheat	Alfalfa Apples Barley Bell Peppers Broccoli Cantaloupes Chili Peppers Corn Cotton Eggplant Grapes Green Beans Kiwi Long Beans Olives Persimmon Pistachios Pomegranate Squash Tomatoes Walnuts	<b>NOVEMBER</b> Alfalfa Bell Peppers Broccoli Citrus Lemons Oranges Cotton Eggplant Grapes Green Beans Kiwi Long Beans Olives Persimmon Pistachios Pomegranate Squash Tomatoes Walnuts
<b>HARVESTED YEAR-ROUND</b> Cattle and Calves Eggs Hogs and Pigs	Honey Poultry Milk	Nursery Products Sheep and Lambs							<b>DECEMBER</b> Broccoli Citrus Grapefruit Lemons Oranges Cotton Olives Pomegranate Turnips