

California's agricultural production is considered to be one of the most diversified in the world. No one crop dominates the State's agricultural economy and most crops individually account for less than 2 percent of the State's gross farm income. California leads the Nation in the production of forty-nine crops and agricultural commodities; a large number of these crops are specialty crops in which the "Golden State" accounts for most of the U.S. production. The following list details those crops in which California is the leading U.S. producer.

Crop and Livestock Commodities in which California leads the Nation:

Alfalfa Seed	Celery	Lettuce	Pistachios
Apricots	Chili Peppers	Lima Beans	Plums
Artichokes	Cut Flowers	Melons	Pomegranites
Almonds	Dates	Mushrooms	Potted Plants
Asparagus	Eggs	Nectarines	Prunes
Avocados	Figs	Nursery Products	Rabbits
Broccoli	Garlic	Olives	Safflower
Brussel Sprouts	Grapes	Onions	Spinach
Cantaloups	Kiwi Fruit	Oriental Veges.	Strawberries
Carrots	Ladino Clover Seed	Peaches	Sugar Beets
Cauliflower	Lemons	Pears	Tomatoes
		Persimmons	Walnuts

It must be remembered that the crops and commodities listed above are not all numbered among the State's leading farm products and that other products feature significantly in the State's own listing of top cash earning crops and commodities. California's leading twenty farm products are given in Table 3.5(1) in the Appendix.