

California Farmers: "We've Lost Everything" - \$ Billions of Food Lost in Floods in State that Produces Half of America's Agriculture

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Almost half of America's agriculture is produced in the State of California, producing over 50 \$BILLION annually in revenues.



California Agricultural Production Statistics

California's Top 10 Agricultural Commodities

California's agricultural abundance includes more than 400 commodities. Over a third of the country's vegetables and three-quarters of the country's fruits and nuts are grown in California. California's top 10 valued commodities for the 2021 crop year are:¹

- Dairy Products, Milk \$7.57 billion
- > Grapes \$5.23 billion
- > Almonds \$5.03 billion
- > Cattle and Calves \$3.11 billion

- > Pistachios \$2.91 billion
- > Lettuce \$2.03 billion
- > Tomatoes \$1.18 billion
- > Walnuts \$1.02 billion

> Strawberries — \$3.02 billion

> Rice — \$1.00 billion

Source.

Now, with recent historical and unprecedented flooding, many farmers in California are reporting that they have "lost everything."

And it is not over yet, as the rains continue, and record amounts of snow in the Sierra Nevada mountains still need to melt, which will flow into farmlands that are already devastated in California's Central Valley. See: <u>California snowmageddon: Now the second snowiest winter ever on record and still MUCH MORE TO COME!</u>

The emphasis today is still on saving people's lives as the rain and flooding continue, and nobody knows yet what the final damages will be to America's richest farmlands and how that will impact food security in the United States, and the nation's already fragile economy. Almost half of California's agricultural products are exported to other countries.

Tulare County in Central California is the county that is suffering the most, and it is also the second largest county in the U.S. in terms of food production, producing over \$8 BILLION annually, with sales of dairy products making up almost one fourth of those sales, followed by citrus and nuts. (Source.)

Kern County, just to the south of Tulare County, is the nation's #1 county in agricultural production, and Fresno County, just to the north of Tulare County, is the nation's 3rd largest producer of agriculture, and both of those counties have also seen devastating floods in the Central Valley of California.

Monterey County on the Central Coast of California, is the 4th largest county in the U.S. in terms of agriculture production, and they too have been hit with devastating floods, wiping out most of the vegetable and strawberry farms.

I have put together a video report that is just under 15 minutes. I have friends and family members who live in Tulare County, so I can confirm from first hand experiences that none of this is exaggerated. It is real.

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