

California Agriculture Quiz

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2. California is the nation's #1 agricultural state. True False
3. California farmers and ranchers produce more than 400 different crops and livestock commodities. True False
4. The majority of the farmland in California is owned by families. True False
5. California is the national leader in agricultural exports. True False
6. List the top three states in agricultural production.
1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
7. List five of the top ten commodities produced in California.
1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
8. California leads the nation in the production of _____ crop and livestock commodities. 36 61 79
9. According to government statistics, there are more than _____,000 farms and ranches in California. 35 75 190
10. The average size of a California farm is _____ acres. 248 349 630
11. The average nationwide farm is _____ acres. 449 770 935
12. Agriculture directly contributes more than _____ billion dollars to California's economy. 12.4 17.8 36.6

Based on 2007 statistics compiled from California Agricultural Statistics Service.

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Answer Sheet

1. Agriculture is one of California's leading industries. True False
Cash farm receipts for 2007 totaled \$36.6 billion.

2. California is the nation's #1 agricultural state. True False
For more than 50 years, California has been the leading agriculture producing state in the nation, followed by Texas and Iowa. Of the top ten agriculture-producing counties in the United States, nine are located in California. The nine California counties in ranking order are Fresno (1), Tulare (2), Monterey (3), Kern (4), Merced (5), Stanislaus (6), San Joaquin (7), Imperial (9), and Ventura (10). Weld, Colorado ranks eighth.

3. California farmers and ranchers produce more than 400 different crops and livestock commodities. True False
Because of diverse micro-climates and an excellent water transportation system, California farmers produce more than 400 different crops and livestock commodities.

4. The majority of the farmland in California is owned by families. True False
Less than 3% of California farmland is owned by non-family corporations. Many family farms have become incorporated to ensure the continuation of their operation into future generations.

5. California is the national leader in agricultural exports. True False
International leading export destinations include the European Union, Canada, and Japan.

6. List the top three states in agricultural production. 1. California, \$36.6 billion
California, \$36.6 billion; Texas, \$19.1 billion; and Iowa, \$19 billion. 2. Texas, \$19.1 billion
3. Iowa, \$19 billion

7. List five of the top ten commodities produced in California. 1. _____
(In ranking order) 2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

1. Milk & Cream	4. Cattle & Calves	7. Strawberries	10. Chickens
2. Grapes, all	5. Almonds	8. Alfalfa Hay	
3. Nursery	6. Lettuce, all	9. Oranges	

8. California leads the nation in the production of 79 crop and livestock commodities. 36 61 79
California produces over 99% of the total U.S. output of several crops, including almonds, artichokes, figs, raisin grapes, olives, clingstone peaches, persimmons, dried plums, pomegranates, sweet rice, Ladino clover seed, and walnuts.

9. According to government statistics, there are more than 75,000 farms and ranches in California. 35 75 190
The federal government defines a farm to be any unit of production with gross sales of \$1,000 or more per year. In 2007, this qualified 75,000 farms to be counted in California.

10. The average size of a California farm is 349 acres. 248 349 630
The size of farms varies depending on the type of agriculture commodity produced. For example, vineyards or citrus groves average 45 acres, while cattle ranches need larger acreage to graze their herds. More than 60% of the state's farms are less than 50 acres.

11. The average nationwide farm is 449 acres. 449 770 935

12. Agriculture directly contributes more than 36.6 billion dollars to California's economy. 12.4 17.8 36.6
Agriculture generated \$36.6 billion for our state's economy in 2007.

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