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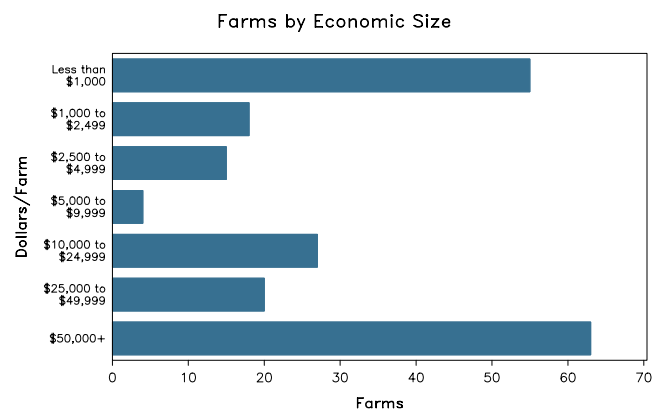
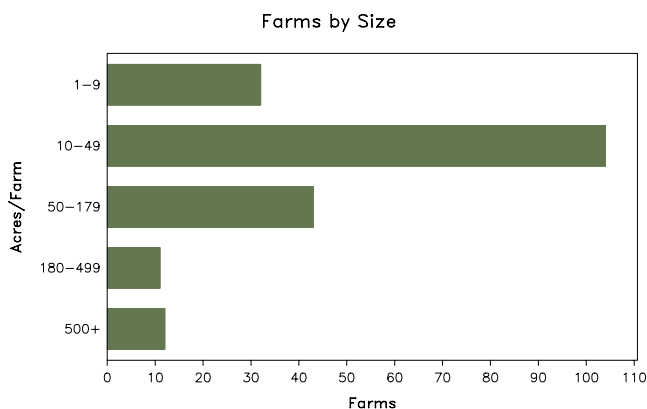
Merced County – California

Farms with Women Principal Operators Compared with All Farms

	Women Principal Operators	All Farms
Number of Farms	202	2,607
Land in Farms	58,238 acres	1,041,115 acres
Average Size of Farm	288 acres	399 acres
Market Value of Products Sold	\$53,631,000	\$2,330,408,000
Crop Sales	\$17,936,000	\$879,332,000
Livestock Sales	\$35,696,000	\$1,451,075,000
Average Per Farm	\$265,501	\$893,904
Government Payments	\$462,000	\$11,968,000
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$15,935	\$23,193

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Farms with Women Principal Operators



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Merced County – California Farms with Women Principal Operators

Selected Highlights

Item	Farms	Quantity
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)		
Total value of agricultural products sold	202	53,631
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	88	17,936
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	67	35,696
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)		
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	8	(D)
Tobacco	-	-
Cotton and cottonseed	2	(D)
Vegetables, melons, potatoes and sweet potatoes	6	928
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	70	(D)
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	2	(D)
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-
Other crops and hay	13	(D)
Poultry and eggs	7	798
Cattle and calves	43	3,487
Milk and other dairy products from cows	14	(D)
Hogs and pigs	2	(D)
Sheep, goats, and their products	12	(D)
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	9	43
Aquaculture	-	-
Other animals and other animal products	6	(D)
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)		
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	29	4,039
Almonds	52	2,964
Corn for silage or greenchop	11	1,914
Corn for grain	2	(D)
Cotton, all	2	(D)
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)		
Turkeys	4	(D)
Pullets for laying flock replacement	1	(D)
Cattle and calves	62	18,277
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	1	(D)
Colonies of bees	3	(D)

Operator Characteristics

Item	Quantity
Primary occupation:	
Farming	75
Other	127
Days worked off farm:	
None	76
Any	126
Years on present farm:	
2 years or less	12
3 to 4 years	12
5 to 9 years	32
10 years or more	146
Age group:	
Under 45 years	28
45 to 64 years	111
65 years and over	63
Average age of principal operator (years)	59.2

Economic Characteristics

Item	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:	
Less than \$1,000	64
\$1,000 to \$2,499	15
\$2,500 to \$4,999	15
\$5,000 to \$9,999	3
\$10,000 to \$49,999	42
\$50,000 to \$99,999	25
\$100,000 to \$249,999	10
\$250,000 to \$499,999	8
\$500,000 or more	20
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	43,087
Average per farm (\$)	213,304
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	12,511
Average per farm (\$)	61,938
Value of agricultural products sold directly to individuals for human consumption (\$1,000)	353
Total organic product sales (\$1,000)	359
Total income from farm-related sources, gross before taxes and expenses (\$1,000)	1,506

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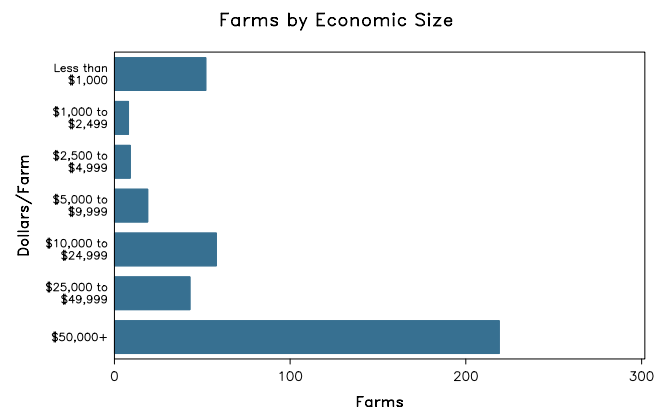
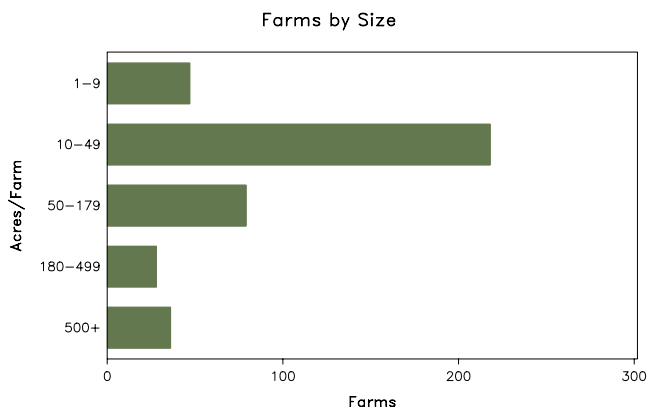
Merced County – California

Farms with Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Operators Compared with All Farms

	Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Operators	All Farms
Number of Farm Operators ¹	522	4,120
Number of Farms	408	2,607
Land in Farms	89,359 acres	1,041,115 acres
Average Size of Farm	219 acres	399 acres
Market Value of Products Sold	\$285,697,000	\$2,330,408,000
Crop Sales	\$140,996,000	\$879,332,000
Livestock Sales	\$144,700,000	\$1,451,075,000
Average Per Farm	\$700,237	\$893,904
Government Payments	\$1,438,000	\$11,968,000
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$21,789	\$23,193

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Farms with Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Operators



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Merced County – California Farms with Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Operators

Selected Highlights

Item	Farms	Quantity
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)		
Total value of agricultural products sold	408	285,697
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	323	140,996
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	95	144,700
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)		
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	32	(D)
Tobacco	-	-
Cotton and cottonseed	19	9,384
Vegetables, melons, potatoes and sweet potatoes	42	40,159
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	240	67,802
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	2	(D)
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-
Other crops and hay	53	(D)
Poultry and eggs	19	24,157
Cattle and calves	52	10,051
Milk and other dairy products from cows	23	(D)
Hogs and pigs	1	(D)
Sheep, goats, and their products	23	545
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	7	(D)
Aquaculture	-	-
Other animals and other animal products	8	76
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)		
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	70	27,726
Almonds	202	17,127
Cotton, all	19	9,685
Corn for silage or greenchop	28	9,298
Vegetables harvested for sale	42	7,527
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)		
Turkeys	7	807,003
Pullets for laying flock replacement	5	(D)
Layers	16	(D)
Cattle and calves	66	48,202
Colonies of bees	9	3,368

Operator Characteristics

Item	Quantity
Primary occupation:	
Farming	305
Other	217
Days worked off farm:	
None	163
Any	359
Years on present farm:	
2 years or less	40
3 to 4 years	71
5 to 9 years	157
10 years or more	254
Age group:	
Under 45 years	192
45 to 64 years	239
65 years and over	91
Average age (years)	51.1

Economic Characteristics

Item	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:	
Less than \$1,000	52
\$1,000 to \$2,499	8
\$2,500 to \$4,999	9
\$5,000 to \$9,999	21
\$10,000 to \$49,999	99
\$50,000 to \$99,999	67
\$100,000 to \$249,999	70
\$250,000 to \$499,999	18
\$500,000 or more	64
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	209,751
Average per farm (\$)	514,095
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	80,130
Average per farm (\$)	196,397
Value of agricultural products sold directly to individuals for human consumption (\$1,000)	890
Total organic product sales (\$1,000)	(D)
Total income from farm-related sources, gross before taxes and expenses (\$1,000)	2,746

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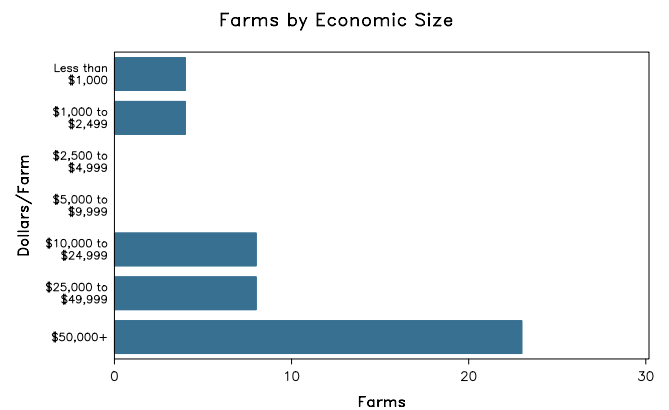
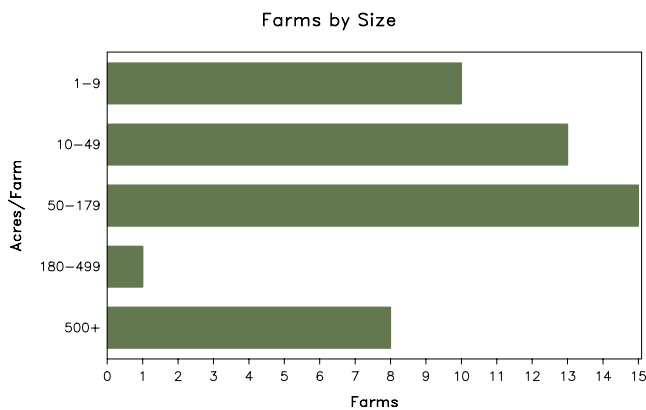
Merced County – California

Farms with American Indian or Alaska Native Operators Compared with All Farms

	American Indian or Alaska Native Operators ²	All Farms
Number of Farm Operators ¹	59	4,120
Number of Farms	47	2,607
Land in Farms	20,544 acres	1,041,115 acres
Average Size of Farm	437 acres	399 acres
Market Value of Products Sold	\$47,966,000	\$2,330,408,000
Crop Sales	(D)	\$879,332,000
Livestock Sales	(D)	\$1,451,075,000
Average Per Farm	\$1,020,552	\$893,904
Government Payments	(D)	\$11,968,000
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	(D)	\$23,193

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Farms with American Indian or Alaska Native Operators



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Merced County – California Farms with American Indian or Alaska Native Operators

Selected Highlights

Item	Farms	Quantity
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)		
Total value of agricultural products sold	47	47,966
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	35	(D)
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	16	(D)
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)		
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	7	(D)
Tobacco	-	-
Cotton and cottonseed	2	(D)
Vegetables, melons, potatoes and sweet potatoes	6	(D)
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	30	5,068
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	-	-
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-
Other crops and hay	5	(D)
Poultry and eggs	1	(D)
Cattle and calves	6	(D)
Milk and other dairy products from cows	1	(D)
Hogs and pigs	-	-
Sheep, goats, and their products	8	(D)
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	2	(D)
Aquaculture	-	-
Other animals and other animal products	-	-
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)		
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	9	(D)
Vegetables harvested for sale	6	2,962
Cotton, all	2	(D)
Corn for silage or greenchop	2	(D)
Sweet potatoes	5	1,820
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)		
Turkeys	4	(D)
Cattle and calves	9	4,481
Goats, all	6	1,318
Sheep and lambs	6	57
Horses and ponies	12	57

Operator Characteristics

Item	Quantity
Primary occupation:	
Farming	31
Other	28
Days worked off farm:	
None	14
Any	45
Years on present farm:	
2 years or less	-
3 to 4 years	8
5 to 9 years	10
10 years or more	41
Age group:	
Under 45 years	17
45 to 64 years	32
65 years and over	10
Average age (years)	52.4

Economic Characteristics

Item	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:	
Less than \$1,000	4
\$1,000 to \$2,499	4
\$2,500 to \$4,999	-
\$5,000 to \$9,999	-
\$10,000 to \$49,999	16
\$50,000 to \$99,999	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	11
\$250,000 to \$499,999	4
\$500,000 or more	8
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	37,605
Average per farm (\$)	800,105
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	10,764
Average per farm (\$)	229,021
Value of agricultural products sold directly to individuals for human consumption (\$1,000)	38
Total organic product sales (\$1,000)	45
Total income from farm-related sources, gross before taxes and expenses (\$1,000)	139

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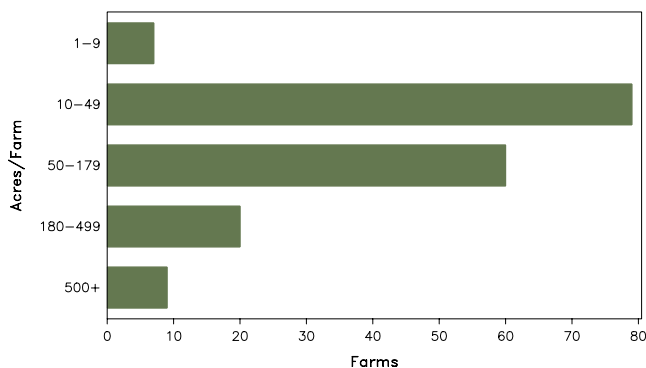
Farms with Asian Operators Compared with All Farms

	Asian Operators ²	All Farms
Number of Farm Operators ¹	227	4,120
Number of Farms	175	2,607
Land in Farms	22,676 acres	1,041,115 acres
Average Size of Farm	130 acres	399 acres
Market Value of Products Sold	\$60,980,000	\$2,330,408,000
Crop Sales	(D)	\$879,332,000
Livestock Sales	(D)	\$1,451,075,000
Average Per Farm	\$348,457	\$893,904
Government Payments	(D)	\$11,968,000
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	(D)	\$23,193

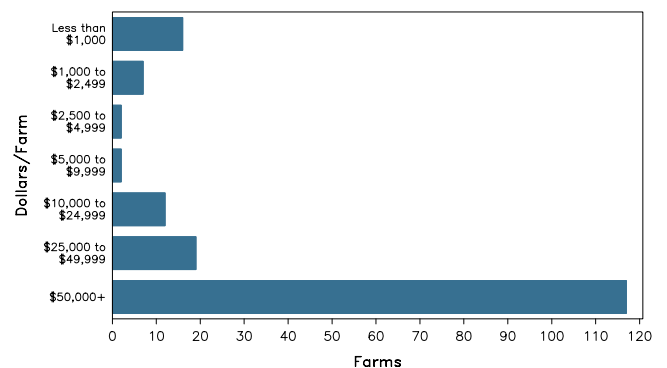
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Farms with Asian Operators

Farms by Size



Farms by Economic Size



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Merced County – California Farms with Asian Operators

Selected Highlights

Item	Farms	Quantity
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)		
Total value of agricultural products sold	175	60,980
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	160	(D)
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	7	(D)
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)		
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	5	(D)
Tobacco	-	-
Cotton and cottonseed	1	(D)
Vegetables, melons, potatoes and sweet potatoes	15	7,096
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	144	50,415
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	2	(D)
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-
Other crops and hay	8	(D)
Poultry and eggs	5	2
Cattle and calves	2	(D)
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-
Hogs and pigs	-	-
Sheep, goats, and their products	-	-
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	-	-
Aquaculture	-	-
Other animals and other animal products	1	(D)
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)		
Almonds	132	14,780
Vegetables harvested for sale	15	1,998
Grapes	10	1,284
Sweet potatoes	6	1,199
Peaches, all	17	995
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)		
Cattle and calves	10	102
Layers	5	74
Goats, all	5	70
Colonies of bees	1	(D)
Horses and ponies	4	8

Operator Characteristics

Item	Quantity
Primary occupation:	
Farming	135
Other	92
Days worked off farm:	
None	87
Any	140
Years on present farm:	
2 years or less	28
3 to 4 years	10
5 to 9 years	45
10 years or more	144
Age group:	
Under 45 years	81
45 to 64 years	106
65 years and over	40
Average age (years)	51.1

Economic Characteristics

Item	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:	
Less than \$1,000	19
\$1,000 to \$2,499	4
\$2,500 to \$4,999	3
\$5,000 to \$9,999	2
\$10,000 to \$49,999	30
\$50,000 to \$99,999	30
\$100,000 to \$249,999	38
\$250,000 to \$499,999	14
\$500,000 or more	35
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	39,436
Average per farm (\$)	225,347
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	22,882
Average per farm (\$)	130,753
Value of agricultural products sold directly to individuals for human consumption (\$1,000)	7,029
Total organic product sales (\$1,000)	2,101
Total income from farm-related sources, gross before taxes and expenses (\$1,000)	1,244

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**Farms with Black or African American
Operators Compared with All Farms**



Data are not available at this geographic level for farms with Black or African American operators.



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Farms with Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander Operators Compared with All Farms



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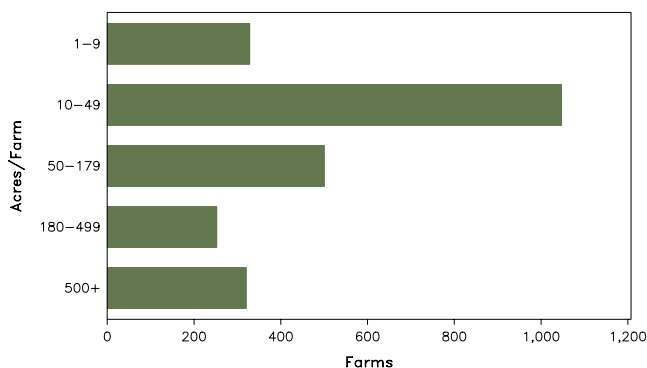
Farms with White Operators Compared with All Farms

	White Operators ²	All Farms
Number of Farm Operators ¹	3,836	4,120
Number of Farms	2,447	2,607
Land in Farms	1,022,738 acres	1,041,115 acres
Average Size of Farm	418 acres	399 acres
Market Value of Products Sold	\$2,280,733,000	\$2,330,408,000
Crop Sales	(D)	\$879,332,000
Livestock Sales	(D)	\$1,451,075,000
Average Per Farm	\$932,053	\$893,904
Government Payments	\$11,898,000	\$11,968,000
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$23,329	\$23,193

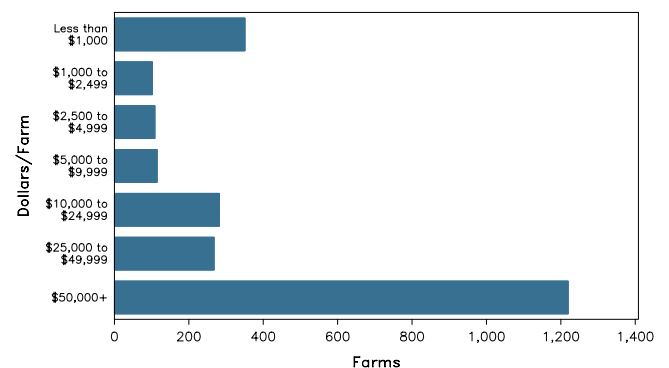
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Farms with White Operators

Farms by Size



Farms by Economic Size



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Merced County – California Farms with White Operators

Selected Highlights

Item	Farms	Quantity
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)		
Total value of agricultural products sold	2,447	2,280,733
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	1,535	(D)
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	778	(D)
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)		
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	300	(D)
Tobacco	-	-
Cotton and cottonseed	102	(D)
Vegetables, melons, potatoes and sweet potatoes	166	(D)
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	1,061	383,753
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	8	(D)
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	5	74
Other crops and hay	393	(D)
Poultry and eggs	68	(D)
Cattle and calves	572	137,130
Milk and other dairy products from cows	276	(D)
Hogs and pigs	17	(D)
Sheep, goats, and their products	93	(D)
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	47	511
Aquaculture	5	5,323
Other animals and other animal products	45	(D)
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)		
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	584	141,562
Almonds	908	92,170
Corn for silage or greenchop	342	(D)
Vegetables harvested for sale	166	58,138
Cotton, all	102	(D)
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)		
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	7	(D)
Layers	51	3,625,338
Turkeys	16	(D)
Pullets for laying flock replacement	9	570,248
Cattle and calves	683	549,519

Operator Characteristics

Item	Quantity
Primary occupation:	
Farming	2,142
Other	1,694
Days worked off farm:	
None	1,392
Any	2,444
Years on present farm:	
2 years or less	179
3 to 4 years	307
5 to 9 years	684
10 years or more	2,666
Age group:	
Under 45 years	923
45 to 64 years	2,005
65 years and over	908
Average age (years)	54.5

Economic Characteristics

Item	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:	
Less than \$1,000	413
\$1,000 to \$2,499	81
\$2,500 to \$4,999	90
\$5,000 to \$9,999	110
\$10,000 to \$49,999	538
\$50,000 to \$99,999	261
\$100,000 to \$249,999	260
\$250,000 to \$499,999	137
\$500,000 or more	557
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	1,723,324
Average per farm (\$)	704,260
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	607,309
Average per farm (\$)	248,185
Value of agricultural products sold directly to individuals for human consumption (\$1,000)	12,761
Total organic product sales (\$1,000)	29,104
Total income from farm-related sources, gross before taxes and expenses (\$1,000)	38,002

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