

California Agriculture Quiz

1. Agriculture is one of California's leading industries. ☐ True ☐ False
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 ☐ 78
9. According to government statistics, there are more than _____,000 farms and ranches in California. ☐ 35 ☐ 81 ☐ 190
10. The average size of a California farm is _____ acres. ☐ 248 ☐ 312 ☐ 630
11. The average size of a nationwide farm is _____ acres. ☐ 420 ☐ 770 ☐ 935
12. Agriculture directly contributes more than _____ billion dollars to California's economy. ☐ 12.4 ☐ 17.8 ☐ 43.5

Based on 2011 statistics compiled from California Agricultural Statistics Service.

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Answer Sheet

1. Agriculture is one of California's leading industries.

Cash farm receipts for 2011 totaled \$43.5 billion.

☒ True ☐ False

2. California is the nation's #1 agricultural state.

For more than 50 years, California has been the leading agriculture producing state in the nation, followed by Iowa and Texas. 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.

☒ True ☐ False

3. California farmers and ranchers produce more than 400 different crops and livestock commodities.

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

☒ True ☐ False

4. The majority of the farmland in California is owned by families.

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.

☒ True ☐ False

5. California is the national leader in agricultural exports.

International leading export destinations include the Canada, the European Union, and Japan.

☒ True ☐ False

6. List the top three states in agricultural production.

California, \$43.5 billion; Iowa \$29.9 billion; and Texas, \$22.7 billion.

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7. List five of the top ten commodities produced in California. (In ranking order)

1. *Milk & Cream* 4. *Cattle & Calves* 7. *Hay* 10. *Tomatoes*
2. *Almonds* 5. *Nursery Products* 8. *Lettuce*
3. *Grapes* 6. *Strawberries* 9. *Walnuts*

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8. California leads the nation in the production of 78 crop and livestock commodities.

California produces more than 99% of the total U.S. output of several crops, including almonds, artichokes, figs, raisin grapes, olives, clingstone peaches, dried plums, dates, kiwifruit, pomegranates, sweet rice, Ladino clover seed, and walnuts.

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9. According to government statistics, there are more than 81,000 farms and ranches in California.

The federal government defines a farm to be any unit of production with gross sales of \$1,000 or more per year. In 2009, this qualified 81,500 farms to be counted in California.

☐ 35 ☒ 81 ☐ 190

10. The average size of a California farm is 312 acres.

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 65% of the state's farms are less than 50 acres.

☐ 248 ☒ 312 ☐ 630

11. The average size of a nationwide farm is 420 acres.

☒ 420 ☐ 770 ☐ 935

12. Agriculture directly contributes more than 43.5 billion dollars to California's economy.

Agriculture generated \$43.5 billion for our state's economy in 2011.

☐ 12.4 ☐ 17.8 ☒ 43.5