A true “food basket” for America and the world, California is the number one agricultural producing state in the United States. Approximately 29 million acres of land, representing one-third of California, is dedicated to crops and livestock. The Mediterranean climate, varied topography, and fertile soils support 400 different agricultural products grown on 81,500 farms and ranches. Included among these are nearly half of all fruits, nuts, and vegetables grown in the United States. Other important products are table wines, dairy products, and organic crops.

California exports approximately 60 percent of these products to Pacific Rim countries in Asia, Latin America, and the South Pacific. Eight of the top 10 agricultural producing counties in the United States are in California: Fresno, Tulare, Monterey, Kern, Merced, San Joaquin, San Diego, and Stanislaus. The top 10 leading agricultural products are featured in the maps below.