California is the fifth largest provider of food in the world. Within the United States, California has been the number one producing agricultural state since 1948. In 2006, California international agricultural exports earned 9.8 billion dollars.

**Image Right:** A sack of California almonds harvested near the Sacramento Valley town of Chico is loaded onto a boat in the United Arab Emirates, a country in the Middle East. The almonds are bound for Iran.

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