

# Should the US's agriculture production move out of California?

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## Background

California is the [major supplier](#) for the US's agricultural output:

- 2/3 of fruit/nuts and 1/3 of vegetables are grown there
- includes over 400 commodities
- generates \$50 bil in revenue (i.e. cash receipts, or farm income)

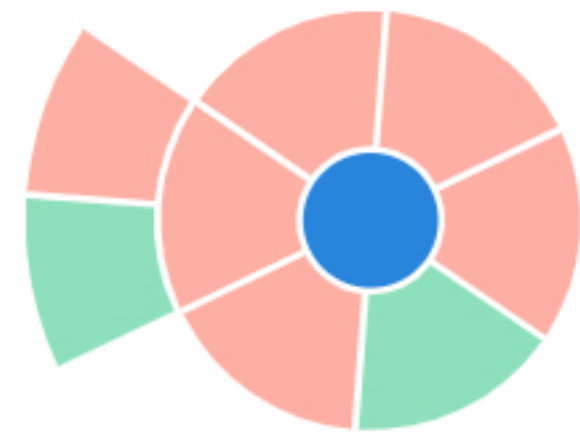
It has a great combination of land, sun, and history that attracts the agricultural sector to continue and grow here, yet there are issues that are causing farmers to either not know what to do or move out. Here are some reasons that make California an inopportune location for the US's output, especially in the coming years:

### \* Water:

- climate change
- \* droughts (agriculture consumes 80% of the total water supply)
- \* sea level rise
- water rights conflicting with the environment (like the Delta Smelt and Colorado River)
- \* Changing consumer demand:
  - local food movement (so people want to buy less produce from California if they're out of state)
  - improvements in technology - like machinery and automation
  - more plant-based

After viewing both sides, would it be better to move all of the agriculture out of California to start afresh and continue to sustain and grow the food needs here or keep it here, because moving it out would be too difficult to achieve? Let the discussions begin!

## Discussion Topology



## Tags

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