

# BUILDING PROSPERITY IN THE YUBA-SUTTER REGION

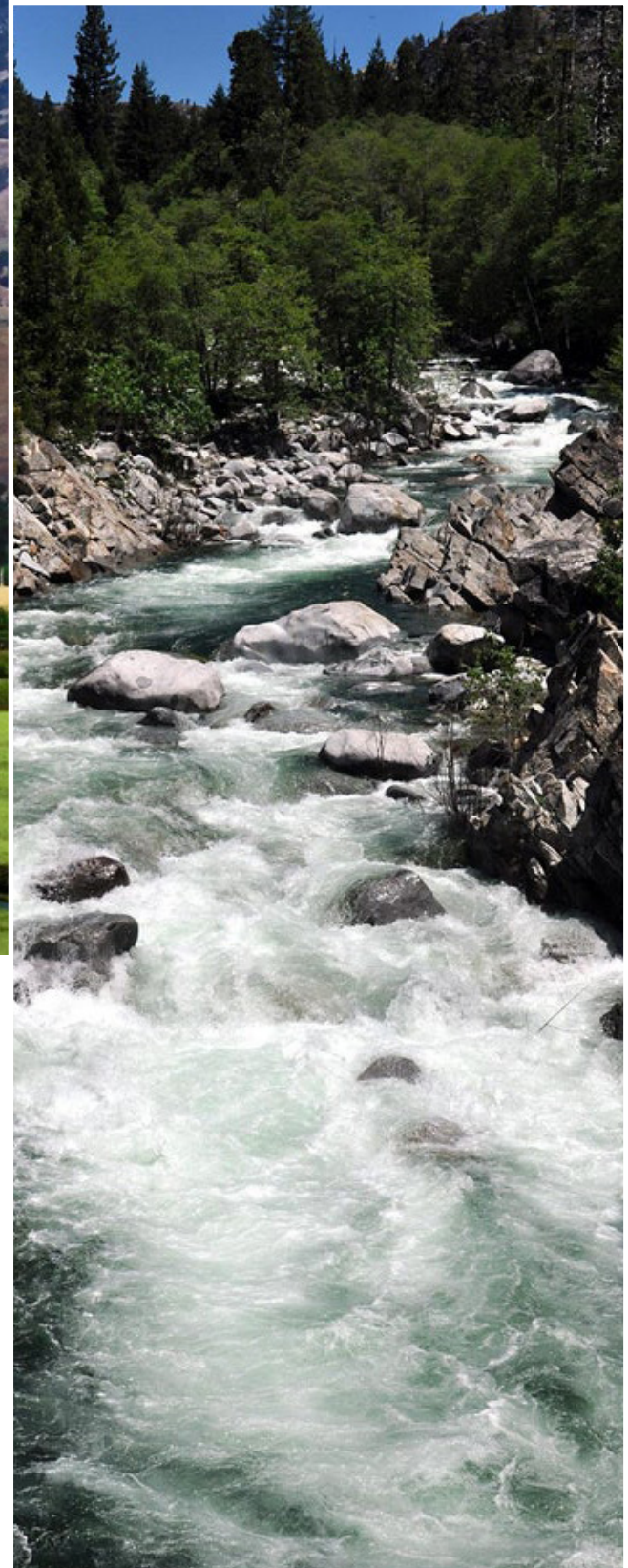
APPENDIX IV

## AGRICULTURE ECONOMIC PROFILE

2020-2025

COMPREHENSIVE  
ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT  
STRATEGY

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# AGRICULTURE AS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

California is the leading state in the US in terms of income derived from agricultural activities. This sector also provides 10 percent of the state's labor force. Of approximately 99 million acres of land comprising the State, 25 million acres have been dedicated to farmland. The success of this sector is associated with the state's long growing season as well as the fertile soil. Additionally, most of the land is irrigated which results in the stability of farming activities. The agricultural products in California are utilized for both consumption and export nationwide and internationally. The exports account for one-fifth of the state's income.

This appendix will help economic developers, planners, local food advocates, and community members to understand the geography of the Yuba-Sutter region's place in the multi-billion-dollar California agriculture industry. The economic indicators provided can help local governments design ways to support agricultural businesses as key components of vibrant and resilient local economies.

Yuba-Sutter enjoys an abundant water supply, good soil and a long growing season. More than 600,000 of the 798,000 acres (75 percent) in Yuba-Sutter are in agricultural use. The largest use of agricultural land is for field crops and vegetables. Fruit and nut crops account for the second highest use of acreage. Yuba and Sutter counties are among the leading counties of California that produce sorghum, kiwi fruit, honeydew melons, peaches, pears, rice, walnuts, wool, and mohair.





Approximately 272,480 acres or 66 percent of the total county area, are comprised of agricultural croplands and pasture. The gross value of Yuba County's agricultural production for 2019 is \$234,534,000, down approximately three percent from the 2018 value estimate of \$242,012,000. The decrease in value can be attributed to the significant decrease in prune prices and yield. In addition, the reduction of timber production and increase in kiwi acreage contributed to the decline of the gross value.

The contribution of agriculture to the economy of Yuba County is not totally reflected by the value of the crops.

Processing, transporting, marketing and other farm related services directly or indirectly tied to agriculture benefit appreciably. It is estimated the agricultural industry returned four times the gross agriculture value to Yuba County's economy in 2019.

In 2018, Yuba County ranked 32nd in gross value of agricultural production of the entire state of California and second in dried plums production.

To access the complete 2019 crop report visit:

[https://www.yuba.org/Yuba%20County/Agricultural%20Commission/Crop%20Reports/CropReport\\_2019.pdf](https://www.yuba.org/Yuba%20County/Agricultural%20Commission/Crop%20Reports/CropReport_2019.pdf)

## LEADING AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES



RANK	CROP	2018	2019
1	Rice	\$62,907,000	\$59,960,000
2	Walnut	\$42,299,000	\$54,326,000
3	Prune/Dried Plum	\$32,416,000	\$25,522,000
4	Livestock- All	\$20,332,000	\$22,786,000
5	Peach/Cling	\$19,923,000	\$22,243,000
6	Kiwi	\$13,883,000	\$13,086,000
7	Pasture- All	\$5,706,000	\$5,706,000
8	Almonds- All	\$7,848,000	\$5,583,000
9	Nursery Stock	\$2,970,000	\$3,955,000
10	Timber	\$2,970,000	\$2,544,000





Agriculture has a long tradition in Sutter County and for more than a century, it has been a pillar of its economy and culture. In 2017, agriculture contributed a total of \$1.48 billion to the county economy. This consisted of \$835.6 million in combined, direct output from food production and processing, plus \$645.1 million in multiplier effects. Agriculture also supported about one out of seven jobs in the county.

Approximately 380,972 acres or 88 percent of the total county area, are comprised of agricultural croplands and pasture. The gross value of Sutter County's agricultural production for 2019 is \$698,680,000 up approximately

14.7 percent from the 2018 value estimate of \$609,058,000. The increase in value can be attributed to the significant increase in rice acreage and price.

In 2018, Sutter County ranked 22nd in gross value of agricultural production of the entire state of California, first in dried plums and beans, second in rice production, third in peach production, fourth in Kiwi fruit and fifth in walnuts, pears, green peas, sweet potatoes and honeydew mellons.

To access the complete 2019 crop report visit:

[https://www.suttercounty.org/assets/pdf/ag/CropReports/2019\\_Crop\\_Report.pdf](https://www.suttercounty.org/assets/pdf/ag/CropReports/2019_Crop_Report.pdf)

## LEADING AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES



RANK	CROP	2018	2019
1	Rice <sup>1</sup>	\$178,511,000	\$222,863,000
2	Walnut	\$85,956,000	\$127,526,000
3	Prunes	\$57,041,000	\$62,691,000
4	Tomatoes/Processing	\$37,887,00	\$51,666,000
5	Peaches/Clingstone	\$59,798,000	\$49,984,000
6	Nursery Products	\$53,414,000	\$41,102,000
7	Almonds	\$33,155,000	\$39,866,000
8	Sunflower/Seed	\$15,201,000	\$14,529,000
9	Beans/Dried/Edible <sup>2,3</sup>	\$8,730,000	\$10,293,000
10	Corn/Field Grain	\$6,572,000	\$8,417,000

1. Includes seed, does not include Wild Rice

2. Includes all varieties of edible Dried Bean, including Lima, Blackeye, Garbanzo, Light and Dark Kidney Bean and other miscellaneous beans of a limited number of growers/processors in Sutter County.

3. Includes Seed