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# California Agriculture Production Map

**Purpose**

The purpose of this exercise is to introduce the major commodities produced in the eight agricultural regions of California, as well as the top ten commodities produced in California. [[1]](#footnote-2)

**Procedure**

 **Materials**

1. Large CA map cut into 8 regions (1 region per group)
2. Magazines/Newspapers
3. Tape/glue
4. Notes

**Sequence of Steps**

1. The teacher will provide your group with an agricultural region. Complete the table below for your region only:

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| **Our Production Region:** |
| **Counties** | **Major Commodities** |
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2. Create your collage. Using magazines, newspapers, and any other resources available, create a collage of pictures showing commodities produced in your assigned production region. Glue or tape these pictures to your region poster. Create an illustration for any commodity which cannot be found in the magazine.

3. Prepare for your presentation. Each group will present their information to the class. Be familiar with the commodities you have represented, and identify any of California’s top 10 commodities that are produced in your region. Remember, all group member s must participate.

**California Agriculture Production Regions**

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| **PRODUCTION AREA** | **COUNTIES** | **MAJOR COMMODITIES** |
| 1. Sacramento Valley | Sutter, Yolo, Butte, Sacramento, Colusa, Glenn, Tehama | Rice, Almonds, Livestock, Tomatoes, Sugar Beets |
| 2. San Joaquin Valley | Fresno, Kern, Tulare, Merced, King, Madera, Stanislaus | Milk, grapes, cotton, almonds, oranges, stone fruit, cattle, alfalfa, poultry |
| 3. Delta | Contra Costa, Solano, San Joaquin | Milk, Asparagus, Vegetables, Corn |
| 4. Central Coast | Monterey, San Benito, Santa Cruz, Ventura, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara | Lettuce, lemon, celery, strawberries, broccoli, beef cattle, artichokes, grapes |
| 5. South Coast | Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, Riverside | Strawberries, oranges, tomatoes, milk, eggs, avocado, nursery |
| 6. North Coast | Mendocino, Sonoma, Humboldt, Del Norte, Santa Clara, San Mateo, Napa` | Wine grapes, timber, nursery, milk, livestock |
| 7. Imperial Valley | Imperial | Dates, lettuce, melons, cattle, alfalfa, cotton, wheat, sugar beets, chickens |
| 8. Mountain | Trinity, Lassen, Modoc, Siskiyou, Mariposa, Plumas, Sierra, Nevada, Placer | Livestock, timber, hay, pasture, Christmas trees, grapes, potatoes |

**Teacher Reference Page:**

On the following page is a map of California divided into 8 agricultural regions. You may wish to enlarge it onto butcher paper for this activity. It can also be used as a transparency or handout for your students. This map contains all of California's counties. In class you will likely have already taught California’s top ten commodities. This activity can reinforce the importance of these ten commodities and the numerous other commodities grown in California. Students can gain an appreciation for California's diversity.

1. Galan, Daniel (2008).Production Regions. *Calexico Agriculture Department*. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)