

### 3. Agriculture

In certain areas of Northern California, agricultural production constitutes a significant portion of the economic base. The amount of agricultural production in an area can indicate the type of economy and businesses that are successful, and also affect the county's labor market. Areas particularly dependent on a few agricultural crops can also experience considerable instability in their economic performance as product prices fluctuate.

Butte County depends on rice production as one of its staple agricultural commodities, as well as almonds and English walnuts. The amount of land committed to rice harvesting and production in Butte County, as well as the high total value of rice, has accounted for a significant portion of the county's agricultural economy and overall financial stability.

All information for this section was collected from the California Agricultural Statistics Service. It should be noted that the California Agricultural Statistics Service compiles data from each county's agricultural commissioner, who in turn collects data from farmers.

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