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## CALIFORNIA FARM REVENUES REACH NEW HIGH IN 2014

California's 76,400 farms and ranches received a record high \$54.0 billion for their output last year. The State's agriculture revenues increased 5 percent for 2014 from the 2013 income level of \$51.3 billion, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service and Economic Research Service.

California's cash receipts represented 13 percent of the U.S. total for 2014. In 2014, California fruit and nut sales accounted for 71 percent of the total U.S. value. California vegetable and melon sales accounted for 44 percent of the total U.S. value in 2014.

California remains the number one dairy state in the nation, producing 19 percent of the nation's milk supply last year. Dairy producers received \$9.36 billion for their milk production in 2014, up 23 percent from 2013. Milk prices received by producers wavered in 2014, peaking in March and September at around \$23.60 per hundred pounds of milk, before ending the year on a downward trend; \$17.85 in December. Cost of production per cow per month was up 1.7 percent based on the California Department of Food and Agriculture's Cost of Production Survey.

The ongoing drought impacted the quality and quantity of forage grown in California. In 2014 milk cow alfalfa hay prices increased an average of 11 percent compared to the prior year. Yet total average feed costs per hundred weight of milk were down as rations were adjusted to take advantage of cheaper corn and other agricultural byproducts.

*More information on California cash receipts from farm marketings is located at [www.ers.usda.gov/Data/FarmIncome](http://www.ers.usda.gov/Data/FarmIncome).*

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