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California's Central Valley: Producing America's Fruits and Vegetables

Americans will see higher prices for produce as historic California drought continues

California Crops

More than half of the country's vegetables, fruits, and nuts are grown in California

Almonds	99%	Celery	95%
Artichokes	99%	Apricots	94%
Dates	99%	Wine Grapes	92%
Figs	99%	Strawberries	90%
Kiwifruit	99%	Cauliflower	90%
Olives	99%	Avocados	87%
Clingstone Peach	99%	Lemons	89%
Pistachios	99%	Carrots	86%
Pomegranates	99%	Lettuce	78%
Walnuts	99%	Spinach	62%
Garlic	97%	Chili Peppers	57%
Plums	97%	Bell Peppers	49%
Broccoli	96%	Rice	26%
Nectarines	96%	Sweet Potatoes	23%
Tomatoes, Canned	96%	Milk and Cream	21%

Source: California Department of Food and Agriculture

Current drought conditions coupled with the existing man-made drought mean that Americans will pay more for groceries

California's Central Valley is the state's agriculture hub, producing over 360 products. California is the sole producer of more than 13 fruits, vegetables and nuts including walnuts, olives, clingstone peaches and sweet rice. California is also the nation's largest dairy producer with over 1/5th of the Nation's dairy. Years of man-made drought coupled with this year's lack of rainfall have increased food prices around the Nation.

Today the House will act on legislation to provide relief to farmers and help return water flows to the Central Valley. H.R. 3964, the *Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley Emergency Water*

Delivery Act, is a comprehensive solution that would restore some water deliveries that have been cut-off due to federal regulations and environmental lawsuits, ensure a reliable water supply for people and fish, secure water rights, and save taxpayer money by ending unnecessary and dubious government projects. Learn more at <http://naturalresources.house.gov/legislation/HR3964>

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