

Greater Bay Area Hub

Alameda County RCD, Contra Costa RCD, Guadalupe-Coyote RCD, Loma Prieta RCD, San Mateo RCD, Solano RCD, and Suisun RCD

Agricultural Summary

Source: 2018 County Crop Reports

Rangeland/Field Crops	945,650 acres
Fruit & Nut Crops	42,245 acres
Truck Crops	34,747 acres



Agricultural Demographics – 2017 Census of Agriculture					
White 82%	Latinx 9%	American Indian 1%	Asian 6%	Pacific Islander 1%	Multi-Race 1%

Important Characteristics of the Hub

Agriculture in the Greater Bay Area region is unique. Most farming operations are small, selling products locally through farmers’ markets, community-supported agriculture, and local grocers. Although highly urbanized, a significant portion of the land is still maintained as grazing lands and wildlands. A large percentage of remaining natural and working lands are owned by public agencies, such as East Bay Regional Park District, Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, and the National Park Service (GGNRA) or non-agricultural corporate entities and leased to local ranchers.

Urban farming is also on the rise and represents untapped potential to educate urban residents and decision makers on the connections between regenerative agricultural, food security, and climate mitigation and adaptation.

Ag Sector Partnerships

The seven RCDs in the Hub have strong ties with the agricultural community and commodity groups and associations, including Farm Guilds, Vintners and Wine Grape Growers Associations, and the Cattlemen’s Association to name a few. Integrating RCD carbon farming efforts with corporate sustainability initiatives and climate action planning hold exciting opportunities for scaling this work in the Greater Bay Area Region.

Carbon Farming Success Stories

There are currently six (6) trained RCD carbon planners in the Greater Bay Area Hub, with 21 carbon farm plans completed or in progress encompassing 36,172 acres of agricultural land.

The **Sunol AgPark**, owned by the San Francisco Public Utility Commission and managed in partnership with the Alameda County RCD, is a working farm and hands-on education center. The RCD is currently writing a new climate change curriculum for students and developing a carbon farm plan for the property.

In **Contra Costa, Santa Clara and San Mateo counties**, the RCDs are working with county staff to incorporate carbon sequestration on agricultural lands into general plan and climate action plan updates.

The **Solano RCD** partnered with Fibershed to writing a carbon farm plan for the Anderson Ranch, a 5th generation sheep and grain operation in the Montezuma Hills. Wool from the ranch is now certified and marketed as Climate Beneficial through Fibershed’s third-party certified program.