

Sacramento Valley Hub

Butte County RCD, Colusa County RCD, Feather River RCD, Glenn County RCD, Sutter County RCD, RCD of Tehama County, Yolo County RCD, Western Shasta RCD

Agricultural Summary

Source: 2018 and 2019 County Crop Reports

Rangeland/Field Crops 5,186,686 acres

Fruit & Nut Crops 555,847 acres

Truck Crops 77,945 acres



Agricultural Demographics – 2017 Census of Agriculture

White 85%	Latinx 8%	American Indian 1%	Asian 3%	Multi-Race 2%
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Important Characteristics of the Hub

The Sacramento Valley, the northern portion of California's Central Valley, is known for its diverse agricultural production irrigated by the Sacramento River and its tributaries, along with groundwater. Primary crops grown in the region include rice, plums, wine grapes, olives, tomatoes, walnuts, almonds, and pistachios. Upland areas of the watershed provide over three million acres of grazing lands home to multi-generational ranching operations.

The Sacramento Valley is one of the great agricultural valleys of the world, with a vast area of fertile bottomland soils. The natural levees that border the Sacramento-Feather River system create backwater basins of heavy clay soils that sustain productive rice farms and critical waterfowl habitat. Rice production represents about 23% of the total agricultural acreage in the valley. The Sacramento Valley provides water for much of California's urban and agricultural needs.

Ag Sector Partnerships

The Resource Conservation Districts in this hub have a long history of establishing local partnerships with producers, conservation organizations such as Audubon California, Point Blue, the Yolo Basin Foundation, researchers from UC Davis and UCCE and agricultural commissioners, Farm Bureau, cities and counties.

Carbon Farming Success Stories

There are currently five (5) trained RCD carbon planners in the Hub, with seven (7) carbon farm plans completed or in progress encompassing 8,417 acres of agricultural land.

The **RCD of Tehama County** was the first District in the Hub to write carbon farm plans for producers in their District, they have created 2 carbon farm plans paving the way for others.

Yolo County RCD completed a pilot carbon farm plan for Howat Ranch, a 700-acre farm owned by the **City of Davis** and leased to two local farmers.

Glenn RCD is currently working on their first carbon farm plan and has established a Soil Health Hub in partnership with the local NRCS, UCCE, Farm Bureau and local farmers to provide technical assistance and promote soil health practices.

Colusa RCD has just completed their first carbon farm plan for Davis Ranch an innovative diversified farm on the forefront of balancing conservation practices with a viable farm management model.