

California Drought Forces Farmers To Adapt



Credit: Alysha Stehly, Vesper Vineyards

Above: Young grapevines dot an Escondido hillside in this undated photograph.

The extended drought has been tough on San Diego farmers, growers and ranchers.

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The dry weather, coupled with high water prices, has forced some to stop watering crops and trees. Cattle ranchers have had to [sell off their herd](#), as pastures dried up and turned brown. And many people who work in the industry [have lost their jobs](#).

While the situation is grim, it has pushed area farmers to adapt, by using new irrigation methods and crops that require less water — like grapes.

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