

California: Paradise Burning

Since 2012, California has been suffering through a historically severe drought. For the farmers of the Central Valley, which is, [as Dana Goodyear writes in this week's issue](#), "the country's fruit basket, salad bowl, and dairy case," the future seems especially bleak. Wells have gone dry, orchards have been left to perish, and those who came to California to work the fields stand idle. Photographers Matt Black and Ed Kashi recently spent time with the farmers and shepherds of the Central Valley, documenting their ongoing struggles. Some of Black's photographs [are also featured in this week's issue](#).

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