

Almond industry gives \$21 billion boost to California economy, study says

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In a September 2012 file photo, almonds are harvested near Easton.

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California's booming almond industry generates more than 100,000 jobs and more than \$21 billion in gross revenue across multiple industries, [according to a new study](#) by the University of California Agricultural Issues Center.

The study looks at the direct and indirect economic impact that California's almond industry has on the state. Researchers found that the industry as a whole, including processing and marketing, generates 104,000 jobs statewide.

Almonds have become a major commodity in the state, with a bulk of the industry centered in the San Joaquin Valley.

"As a major part of California agriculture, generating about 15% of the value of California farm output and almost 25% of agricultural exports, the California almond industry is a major contributor to a healthy and vibrant agriculture and a sound California economy," said Daniel Sumner, director of the Agriculture Issues Center.

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