

Top 10 Agricultural Commodities in Santa Cruz County

#1 Strawberries

- If you line up all of the strawberries grown in California in one straight line, they would wrap around the whole Earth 15 times!!
- Strawberries have more vitamin C than an orange!
- There are about 200 seeds on the outside of each strawberry - that's the same as the number of children in 8 classrooms!



- One acre of land (about the size of a football field) grows about 50,000 pounds of strawberries - that's the same weight as 4 elephants!

- There are usually two crops of raspberries: June bearing, and Fall (or ever bearing). The first crop of raspberries typically peaks during June in the South, and in July in the North.
- Raspberries come in many colors besides red: there are also black, purple and gold raspberries.
- Raspberries are high in fiber.



#3 Other Vegetables



- Santa Cruz County grows lettuce, broccoli, bell peppers, beets, beans, carrots, cabbage, cucumbers, peas, squash and more!
- It is recommended that you eat five servings of fruit or vegetables a day. A serving equals one-half cup.

#4 Indoor Cut Flowers

- In Santa Cruz County you can find the following flowers being grown indoors: Roses, Tulips, Gladiolas, Carnations, Iris, Bird of Paradise, Orchids, Lilies, Daisies and more.

Look for these flowers in the Floriculture building at the Santa Cruz County Fair.

#5 Landscape Plants

- Since Santa Cruz County has such a great climate for plants and trees, many people that live here landscape with fruit trees such as lemon, lime, avocado, orange, and more!

Landscape designs can be found at the Santa Cruz County Fair in front of and inside the Floriculture Buildings

#6 Other Plants

#7 Field Grown Flowers

- In Santa Cruz County, we also grow field plants, like sunflowers, poppy's, willow, lavender, lilac, snap dragons, and much much more!



#8 Other Berries

- You can find more than strawberries and raspberries growing in Santa Cruz County! Look for olallieberries, boysenberries, and blackberries!

#9 Brussel Sprouts

- Today, almost all U.S. production of Brussels sprouts happens in California.
- By 1939, Brussels sprouts were being produced in central California.
- They are part of the Brassica family of vegetables, which also includes cabbage, broccoli, kale, and collard greens.



10 Apples

- Almost one-half of the U.S. apple crops are processed into apple products, such as apple juice, applesauce, apple pie filling, and slices.
- Apples are available year-round.
- Fresh apples float because 25 percent of their volume is air.

