

Celebrate the Uniqueness of **California**

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The Golden State

Cities, Towns, State Symbols, Industry, Agriculture, Parks & More!



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CALIFORNIA REPUBLIC

★ State Symbols ★

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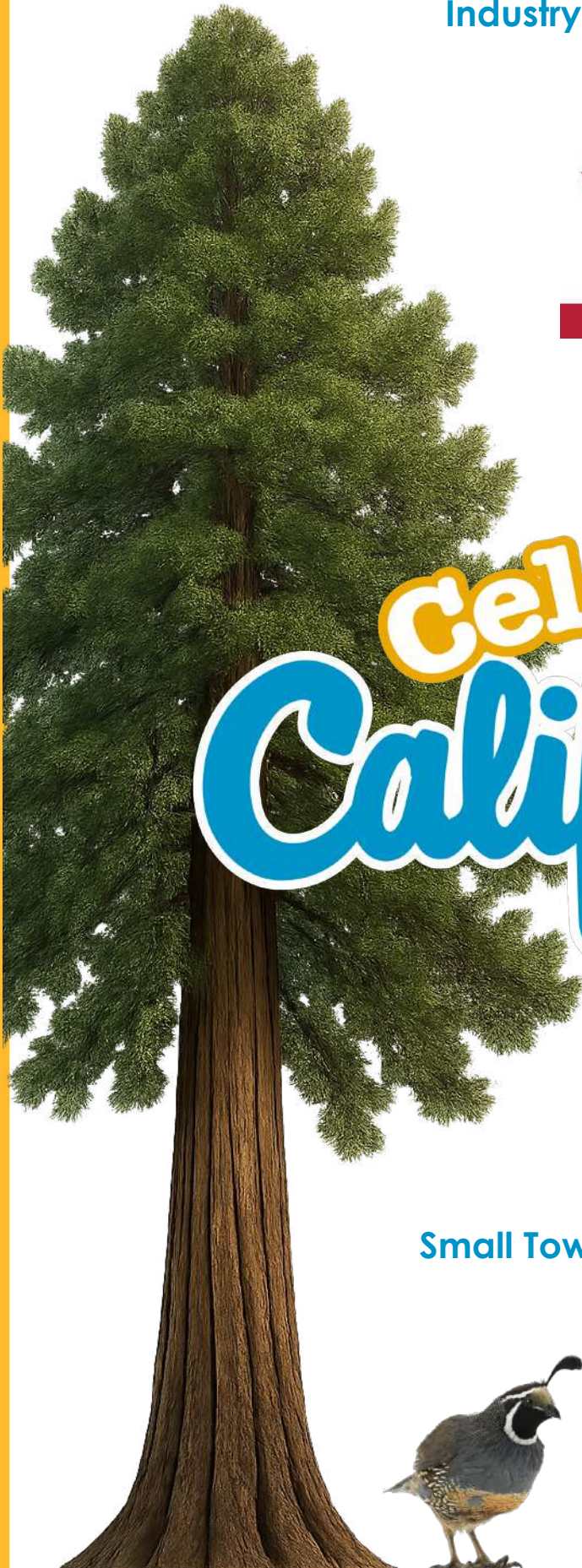


Small Towns



Culture

Parks



State Symbols

★ STATE ANIMAL ★ Grizzly Bear



The grizzly bear is the official **state animal** of California.



The grizzly bear became California's official state animal in **1953**.



Adult male grizzly bears weigh an average of **400 - 600 pounds** while female grizzly bears weigh an average of **250 - 350 pounds**.



A grizzly bear's **claws** can grow up to **4 inches long**.

Grizzly bears can **swim!**

Grizzly bears are **omnivores**, eating mostly **plants, berries, fish** and **small mammals**.



Grizzly bears have a distinct **shoulder hump** that gives them extra strength for **digging** and **running**.



Grizzly bears can run up to **35 miles per hour!**

Grizzly bears **hibernate** during the colder months.



★ STATE FLOWER ★ Golden Poppy

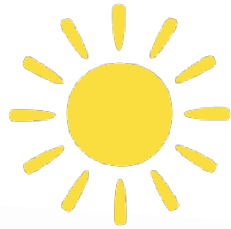


The golden poppy is the official **state flower** of California.



The golden poppy became California's official state flower in **1903**.

The golden poppy has many nicknames: "**California Poppy**," "**Flame Flower**," and "**Cup of Gold**."



Golden poppies close their petals at night but reopen them in the **morning sunshine**.

Golden poppies prefer **sunny** and **dry weather**.



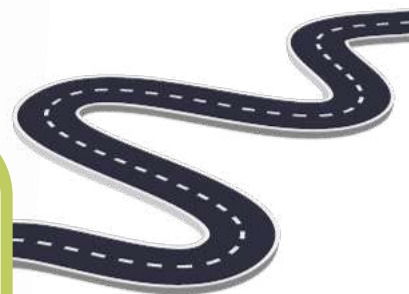
Bees are the main **pollinators** for golden poppies.

Golden poppies grow to be around **12-18 inches** tall.

Antelope Valley California Poppy Reserve is home to the **LARGEST** golden poppy field in the state.



Golden poppies are grown all over California - from **hillsides** to **highways**.



APRIL 6 is California Poppy Day!

★ STATE BIRD ★ Valley Quail

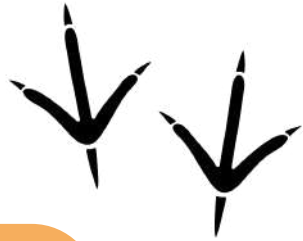


The valley quail is the official **state bird** of California.



The valley quail became the official **state bird** of California in **1931**.

Valley quail **rarely fly**... they mostly walk or run.

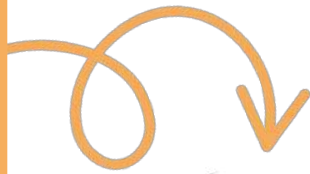


Valley quail **live in groups** of 10 to **200 quail** called "**coveys**."

Valley quail chicks can **walk** immediately after hatching!



Valley quail are known for their "**topknot**" - the curled feathers on top of their heads!



Valley quail make a call that sounds like "**CHI-CA-GO!**"

Valley quail can lay up to **28 eggs** in a single nest!



Valley quail eat **seeds**, **berries** and **small insects**.



★ STATE TREE ★ Coast Redwood



The coast redwood is one of the two official **state trees** of California.

The coast redwood became an official state tree of California in **1937**.

Coast redwoods are the **TALLEST** trees in the world!



The oldest known coast redwood tree is estimated to be **over 2,200 years old**.

Coast redwoods are grown along the **Pacific coast**.

Redwoods link their **roots** with other nearby trees to stay strong and stable.



The tallest known coast redwood is over **379 feet tall** – that is taller than the **Statue of Liberty!**

Visit Redwood National & State Parks!

Coast redwoods are **resistant to fires** because of their **very thick bark**.



★ STATE TREE ★ Giant Sequoia



The giant sequoia is one of the two official **state trees** of California.

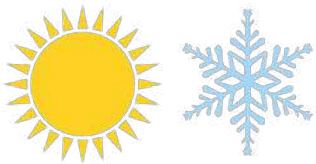
Giant sequoia trees are the **LARGEST** trees by volume in the world!

The giant sequoia became an official state tree of California in **1953**.

A giant sequoia tree's bark can be up to **2 FEET thick**.



Giant sequoia trees thrive in **snowy winters & dry summers**.



Giant sequoia trees are native to **California's Sierra Nevada mountains**.

Visit Sequoia National Park!

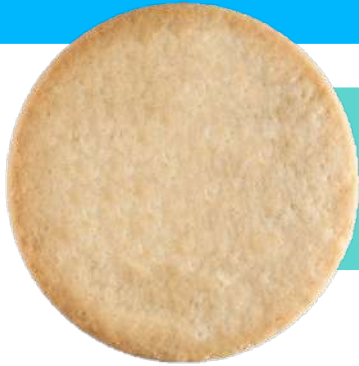
Giant sequoia tree **roots** can spread out over an entire acre!



Giant sequoia trees can live for over **3,000 years**.



★ STATE SPORT ★ Surfing



Surfing is the official
state sport of California.



Surfing became California's
official state sport in **2018**.



Huntington Beach is
nicknamed "**Surf City USA**."

The U.S. Open of Surfing –
the largest surf contest in the
world is held in Huntington
Beach, California every year.



**Huntington
Beach, Malibu
& Santa Cruz**
are California's
most famous
surfing spots.

Santa Cruz is often
called the "**Birthplace
of Mainland Surfing**."

"HANG LOOSE"

Surfing
became
popular in
California
in the early
1900s.

Surfing is
both a **sport**
& a **lifestyle**.



Wetsuits were invented
in California in the **1950s**.

California has **800+ miles**
of beaches where surfers can
catch waves **all year long!**

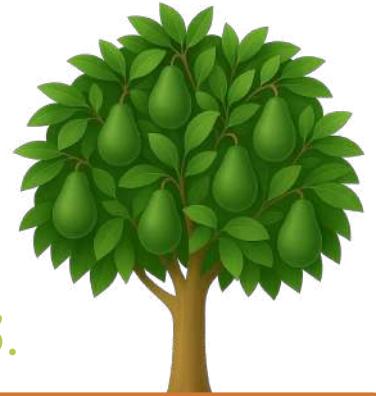


★ STATE FRUIT ★ **Avocados**



Avocados are the **official state fruit** of California.

Avocados became the official state fruit of California in **2013**.



There are around **3,000 California avocado growers**.

90% of all avocados grown in the U.S. are grown in California!

California is home to **50,000 acres+** of avocado orchards.



Avocado trees can grow to be **30 to 60 feet tall**.

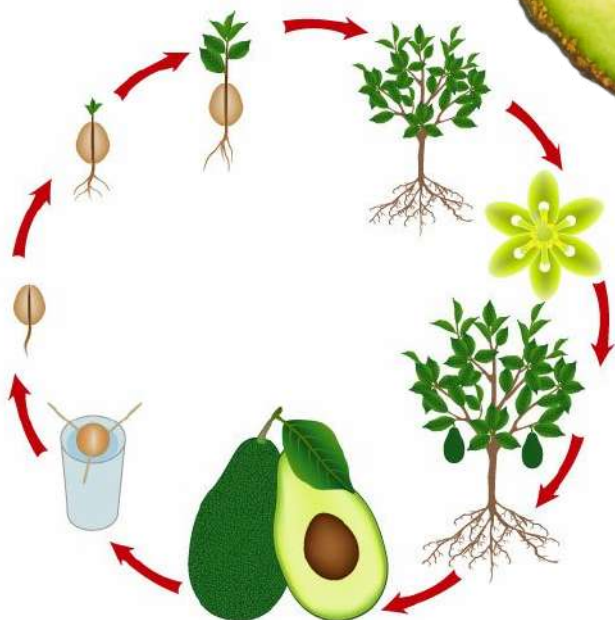


Avocado trees can take anywhere from **3 to 15 years** to start producing fruit.

Hass avocados are the most common variety of avocado grown in California.



Most California avocados are grown in **Southern California**.



Big Cities

BIG CITY

Los Angeles



Los Angeles is the **LARGEST** city in California with a population of over **3.8 million people**.

Los Angeles has many nicknames, including “**L.A.**,” “**City of Angels**” & “**La La Land**.”

Los Angeles is the **2nd LARGEST** city in the U.S.



Los Angeles gets around **284 days of sun** each year, making it one of the sunniest cities in the U.S.!



Most of the **palm trees** in L.A. are not native to the area.



Hollywood is a neighborhood of L.A. famous for its TV & movie production.

LA Unified is the **largest** school district in California with over **429,000 students**.



BIG CITY

San Diego

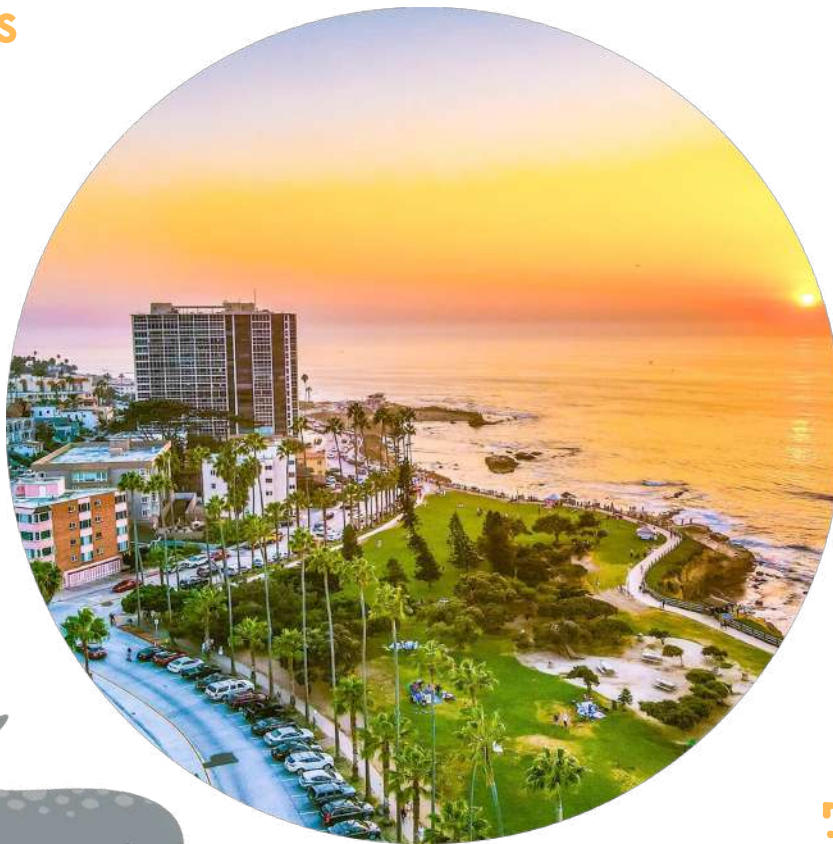


San Diego is the **2nd largest city** in California with a population of over **1.3 million people**.

San Diego has **70+ miles of coastline!**



San Diego is only **20 miles away** from **Mexico!**

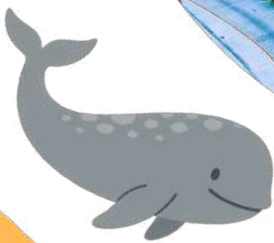


The world-famous **San Diego Zoo** is home to over **12,000 animals!**

San Diego is one of the **TOP avocado-growing regions** in the U.S.



Every year, **gray whales** migrate along the coast of San Diego.

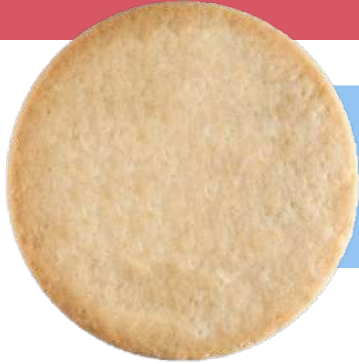


San Diego Unified has over **121,000 students**.



BIG CITY

San Jose



San Jose is the **3rd largest city** in California with a population of over **969,000 people**.

San Jose is known as the “**Capital of Silicon Valley**” – the center of the **tech world!**



San Jose was the first **capital city** of California when California became a state in **1850**.



The first ever **radio station** in the U.S. started in San Jose in **1909**.



There are over **60 miles of biking trails** in San Jose.

San Jose is home to **200+ parks**.



San Jose Unified has around **25,000 students**.

San Jose has one of the most **diverse populations** in the U.S.



BIG CITY

San Francisco



San Francisco is the **4th largest city** in California with a population of over **808,000 people**.

San Francisco is home to the iconic **Golden Gate Bridge**.

San Francisco experiences a lot of fog, earning it the nickname **"Fog City."**



San Francisco is a **dog-loving city** with over **30 dog parks!**



San Francisco is known for its **hilly streets** - one of the main reasons **cable cars** became so popular!



San Francisco is only **7 miles by 7 miles**.

San Francisco Unified has over **50,000 students**.



BIG CITY

Fresno



Fresno is the **5th largest city** in California with a population of over **545,000 people**.

Fresno is the **largest inland city** in California.

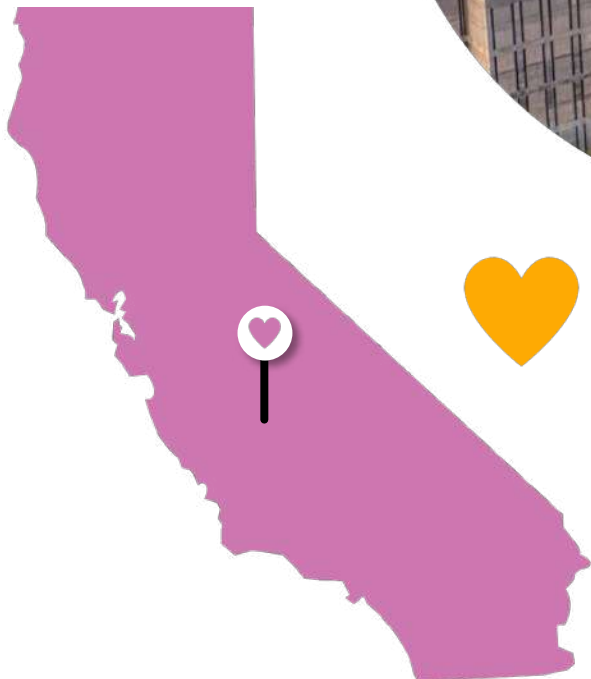
Fresno is one of the **TOP agricultural producers** in the world.



In **1872**, Fresno was founded as a **railroad station**.

Over **300 different crops** are grown in Fresno County.

“Raisin Capital of the World”



Fresno is often described as being a **big city but with a small-town feel**.

Fresno hosts an annual state fair called the **“Big Fresno Fair.”**

Fresno Unified School District has around **73,000 students**.



CAPITAL CITY

Sacramento



Sacramento is the **6th largest city** in California with a population of over **526,000 people**.

Sacramento was named California's **first permanent capital** in **1854**.



Surrounded by farms, Sacramento is known as **America's Farm-to-Fork Capital**.



The **California State Fair** has been held in Sacramento for **over 150 years**.



Sacramento is home to the **California State Library**.

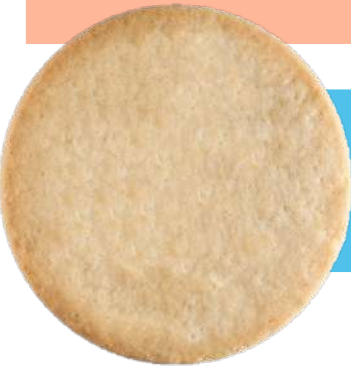


Sacramento City Unified has around **40,000 students**.



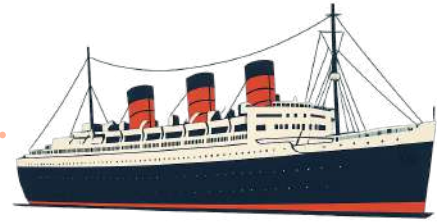
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Long Beach



Long Beach is the **7th largest city** in California with a population of over **449,000 people**.

Long Beach is home to around **five miles of sandy shoreline**.



The **Queen Mary** – a famous retired ocean liner is one of the most popular attractions in Long Beach.

Long Beach was originally named **Wilmore City**.

Long Beach is a common resting point for birds during **migration season**.

Long Beach Unified has over **64,000 students**.

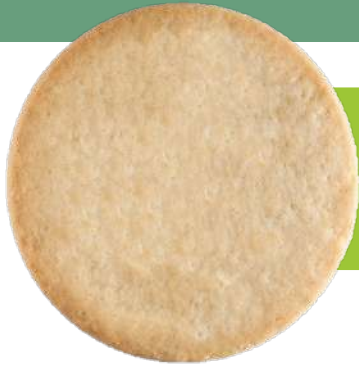
LONG BEACH
UNIFIED • SCHOOL • DISTRICT

The **Port of Long Beach** is one of the **BUSIEST** shipping ports in the U.S.



BIG CITY

Oakland



Oakland is the **8th largest city** in California with a population of over **436,000 people**.

Oakland got its name because the area was originally a forest of **coastal live oak trees**.

Oakland was the **end point** of the first railroad to go across the U.S.



Oakland is home to **Lake Merritt** – the first designated **wildlife refuge** in the U.S., established in **1870**.

Lake Merritt is really a **tidal lagoon**, not a lake, because it has **salty water**.

“Brightside of the Bay”

Oakland became a city of California on **May 4, 1852**.

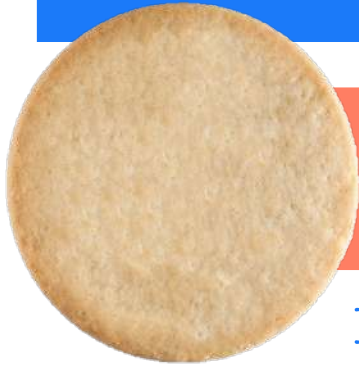


Oakland Unified has over **34,000 students**.



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Bakersfield



Bakersfield is the **9th largest city** in California with a population of over **417,000 people**.

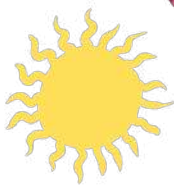
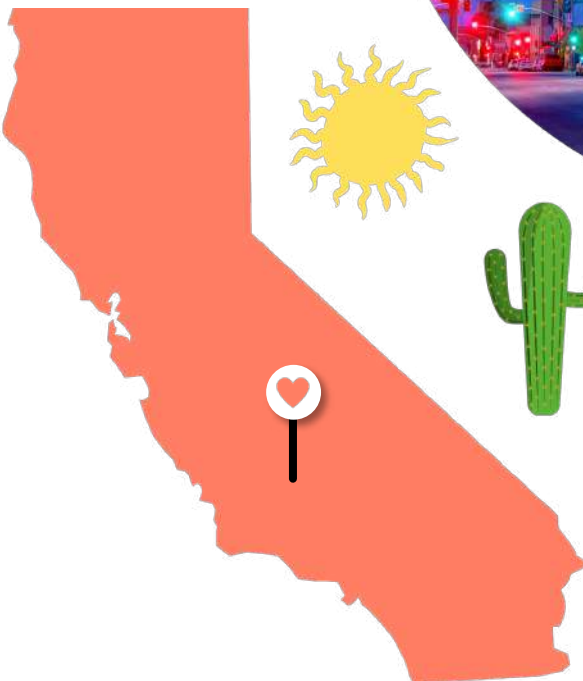
Bakersfield is famous for the **Bakersfield Sound** – a style of country music that was created here.

Bakersfield was founded in **1856** & then became a city of California in **1873**.



The Bakersfield Sound earned the city the nickname "**Nashville West.**"

Around **80% of ALL carrots** grown in the U.S. are grown in Bakersfield.



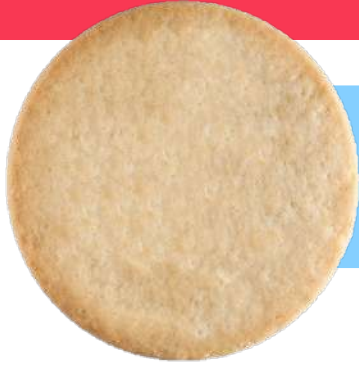
Bakersfield is surrounded by **farms & desert land**.

Bakersfield City Schools has around **30,000 students**.



BIG CITY

Anaheim

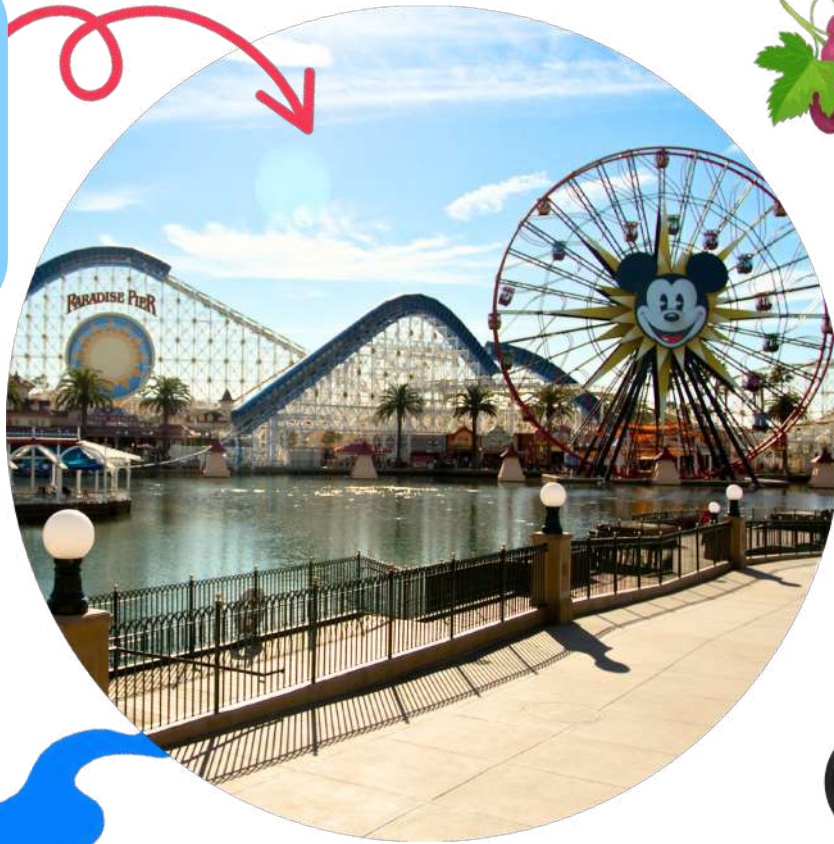


Anaheim is the **10th largest city** in California with a population of over **344,000 people**.

Anaheim first became famous for its **grape vineyards** & later on for its **orange groves**.

Anaheim is **most known** for being home to **Disneyland**.

Mito, Japan is Anaheim, California's **sister-city**.



Anaheim became an official city of California in **1870**.



The **Santa Ana River Trail** runs through Anaheim & has over **40 miles of bike paths**.

"City of Kindness"



Anaheim ESD
has around
15,000 students.



BIG CITY

Stockton



Stockton is the **11th largest city** in California with a population of over **324,000 people**.

Stockton was founded in **1849** during California's **Gold Rush**.



Stockton has a long history of growing asparagus & hosts an annual **Asparagus Festival!**



Stockton's **Deepwater Channel** is one of the **only inland ports** in California.



“All-America City”

Stockton was named after U.S. Navy Officer **Robert F. Stockton**.

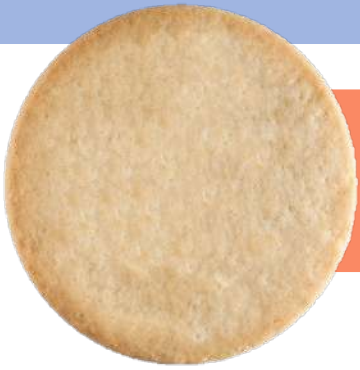
Stockton Unified has over **35,000 students**.

The **San Joaquin River** runs through Stockton.



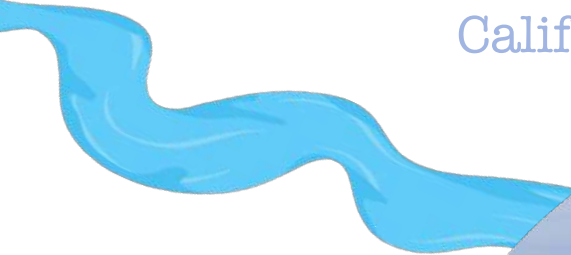
BIG CITY

Riverside



Riverside is the **12th largest city** in California with a population of over **323,000 people**.

Riverside is the **birthplace** of California's **citrus industry**.



Riverside was named after its location along the **Santa Ana River**.



The **FIRST** navel orange tree in California was planted in Riverside in the **1870s!**



Riverside is home to the **California Citrus State Historic Park**.

Riverside became an official city of California in **1883**.

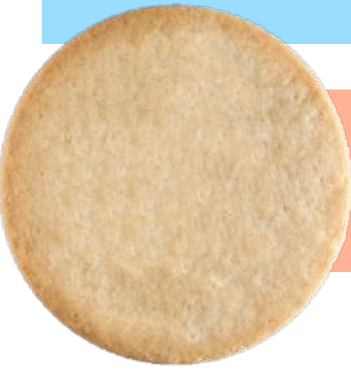


Riverside USD has over **40,000 students**.



BIG CITY

San Bernardino



San Bernardino is the **18th largest city** in CA with a population of over **224,000 people**.

San Bernardino is surrounded by the **San Bernardino Mountains**.

The San Bernardino Mountains are known for their **snow-covered peaks** in the winter.



The world-famous **Route 66** runs right through San Bernardino.

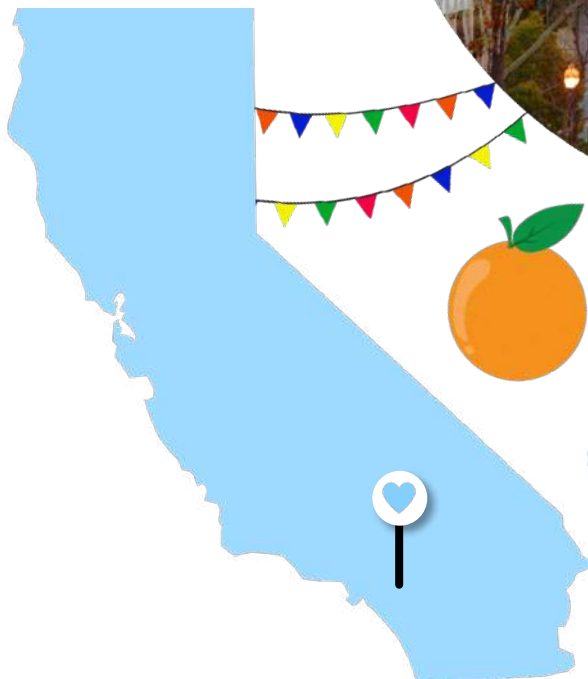
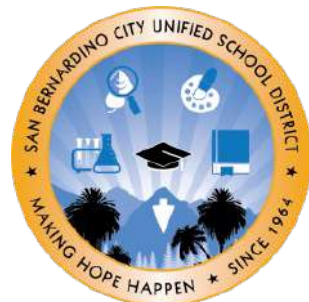


San Bernardino became an official city of California in **1854**.

Each year, San Bernardino hosts the **National Orange Show Festival**.

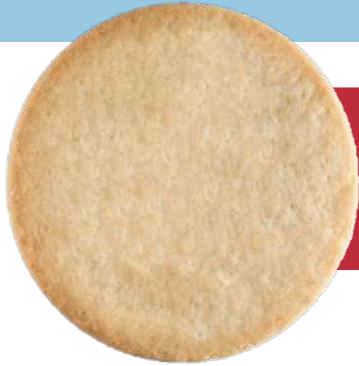
San Bernardino is a part of the **Inland Empire** region.

San Bernardino USD has over **44,000 students**.



Small Towns

SMALL TOWN Solvang



Solvang is a **small town** in California with a population of around **6,000 people**.

Solvang is commonly known as the “**Danish Capital of America**.”



Over one million people visit Solvang every year.

Many visitors tour the town on horse drawn carriages.



The buildings in Solvang look just like the ones you would see in **Denmark**.

Solvang is home to five **Danish windmills**.

Solvang was founded in **1911**.

Solvang is famous for ‘**Aebleskivers**’ - little round Danish pancakes.

Solvang School has under **600 students**.



SMALL TOWN **Julian**



Julian is a **small town** in California with a population of around **1,500 people**.

Julian was founded in **1970** after a gold rush in the **Cuyamaca Mountains**.



Julian is most famous for its **apple orchards** & “**Julian apple pie**.”



The **mountain climate** in Julian is ideal for growing apples.

Julian hosts an annual **Apple Days Festival**.

Julian is a “**Dark Sky Community**” – a great location for star gazing.

Julian is designated as a **California Historic Landmark**.



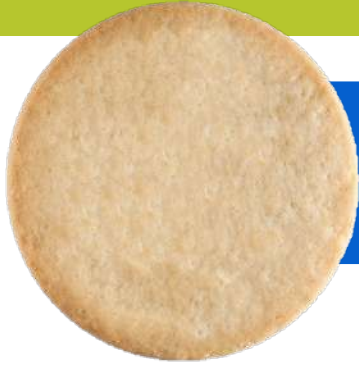
Solvang School has around **450 students**.

JUSD
Julian Union School District



SMALL TOWN

Ojai



Ojai is a **small town** in California with a population of around **7,500 people**.

Ojai is well known for its citrus, specifically their **Pixie tangerines**.

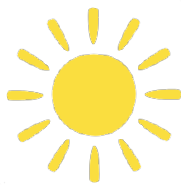


Ojai is home to many **family-owned farms**.

Ojai was officially incorporated as a city of California in **1921**.



The entire downtown of Ojai was rebuilt in **Spanish Colonial Revival** style after a fire in 1917.



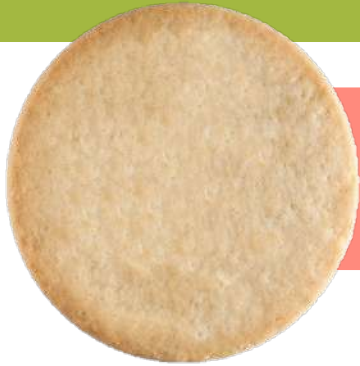
Ojai sunsets create the “**Pink Moment**” – when the Topatopa mountains **glow pink**.

Ojai is a popular destination for **wellness, art & nature**.

Ojai Unified School District has around **2,000 students**.



SMALL TOWN Mendocino



Mendocino is a **small town** in California with a population of under **1,000 people**.

Mendocino sits along **Pacific Ocean cliffs** & is surrounded by **giant redwood forests**.



The **sunsets** over the Pacific Ocean are one of Mendocino's biggest attraction.

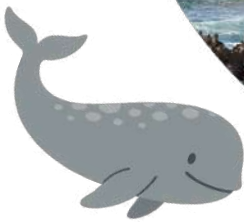


Mendocino was founded in **1850** as a **logging town**.



Mendocino is known for its historic **lighthouses**.

Gray whales migrate past Mendocino **twice a year!**



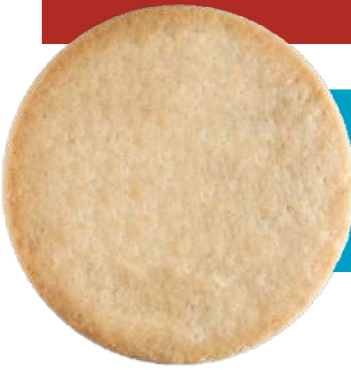
Mendocino is only about **one square mile** in size.

Mendocino USD has under **500 students**.



Landmarks

Golden Gate Bridge



The Golden Gate Bridge is a suspension bridge that connects **San Francisco** to **Marin County**.

The Golden Gate Bridge is a **suspension bridge** held up by cables between towers.

The Golden Gate Bridge opened in **1937** after **four years** of construction.



The bridge is **1.7 miles long**.



The bridge was named after the strait that runs beneath it – the **Golden Gate Strait**.



The Golden Gate Bridge has **six car lanes** & **two sidewalks**.

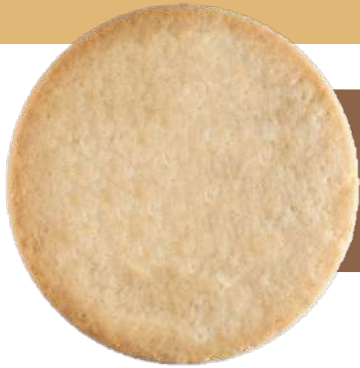
Painters work year-round to touch up areas of the bridge & protect the steel from rust.

Over **10 million people** visit the Golden Gate Bridge every year.

Each day, over **100,000 vehicles** drive across the Golden Gate Bridge.



Griffith Observatory



The Griffith Observatory is a world-famous **observatory** & **planetarium**.

An observatory is a place that uses **telescopes** to see & learn about **space**.

The money to build the Observatory was donated by **Griffith J. Griffith**.

The Griffith Observatory opened in **1935**.



The Griffith Observatory has put on over **100,000** planetarium shows.

The Griffith Observatory does **ONLY** live-narrated planetarium shows.

All visitors can enter the Observatory enter for **FREE!**

The Observatory is a **Los Angeles Historic-Cultural Monument**.

The Observatory is located on **Mount Hollywood**, in **Griffith Park, Los Angeles**.



Big Sur



Big Sur is a **region** in central California famous for its **rugged coastline**.

Big Sur is known for its **steep cliffs**, **towering redwoods** & **misty coastal views**.

Bixby Creek Bridge is an iconic landmark of Big Sur.

Big Sur stretches **90 miles** along the coast.



Highway 1 runs along Big Sur & is considered one of the **most scenic drives in the world**.

There are **no big cities** in Big Sur, only **small towns** & **nature**.

Big Sur is a part of **Los Padres National Forest** & many **state parks**.

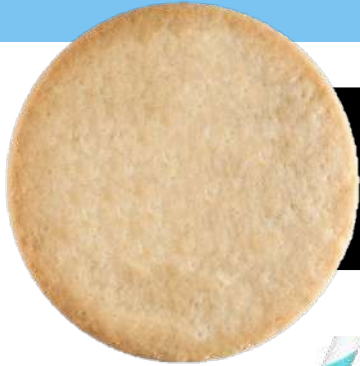
Big Sur was named for its location, **“El Sur Grande”** (**“The Big South”**).

Big Sur is located between **Carmel-by-the-Sea** & **San Simeon**, California.

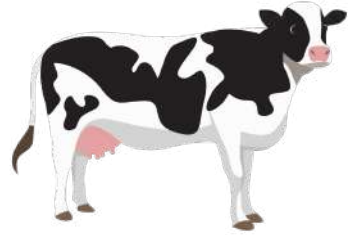


Agriculture

CALIFORNIA Dairy



California is the **largest** dairy producing state in the U.S.



The majority of California's dairy comes from the **San Joaquin Valley** region.

California is home to **over 1,000 dairy farms & 1.7 MILLION** dairy cows.

Holstein cows are the ones with unique **black & white spots!**

Most California dairy farms are **family-owned.**

Holstein cows are the **most popular** dairy cow breed in California.



In addition to **milk**, California is also the **#1 producer** of other dairy products including **butter & ice cream.**



The average California dairy cow produces **around 8 gallons** of milk per day.



Milk is California's **official state beverage!**

CALIFORNIA Tomatoes



California produces **95%** of all **processing tomatoes** in the U.S.



Processing tomatoes are the ones used to make ketchup, juice, sauces, etc.



During peak tomato season, California farmers harvest around **TWO BILLION** pounds of tomatoes per week.

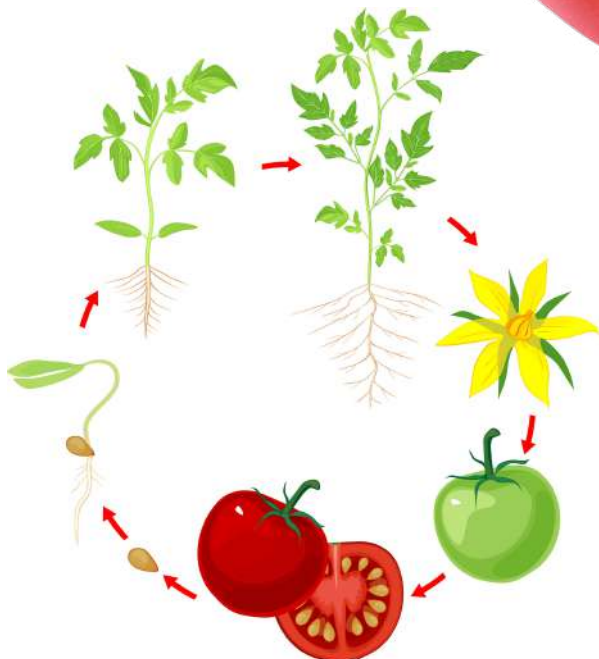


California processing tomatoes are **grown in many regions** throughout the state.

Processing tomatoes are usually **harvested mechanically**.

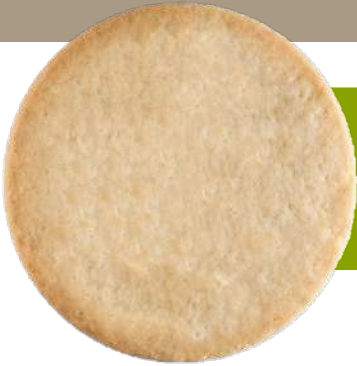
Around **33%** of U.S. **fresh-market tomatoes** are grown in California.

Tomatoes can go from being **harvested to fully processed** in **6 hours**!



California tomatoes grow best during the **hot and dry summer months**.

CALIFORNIA Rice



California produces around **20%** of all the rice grown in the U.S.



Nearly all of the California's rice is grown in **Sacramento Valley**.

Sacramento Valley's **flat land** & **warm weather** make it a perfect location for rice farming.

California has over **500,000 acres** of rice fields.

California rice is planted in the **spring** & harvested in the **fall**.



California rice farmers produce around **five billion pounds of rice per year!**



After harvest, California's flooded rice fields provide **winter habitats** for birds.

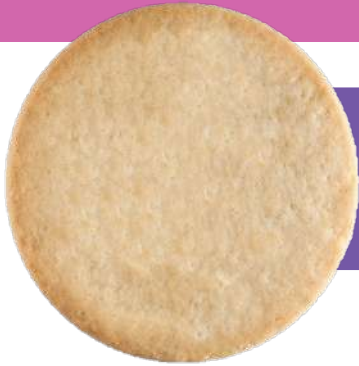


Most of the rice grown in California is **medium-grain**, commonly used for **sushi!**

California rice farming began **100+ years ago**.



CALIFORNIA Grapes



California is the largest producer of grapes in the U.S. - growing **99%** of all **table grapes**.

Grapes have been grown in California for **200+ years**.

California is home to **800,000+ acres** of grape vineyards.



The majority of California's table grapes are grown in **San Joaquin Valley**.



Around **1.8 BILLION pounds** of table grapes are grown in California each year.



Thompson Seedless

are the most widely grown variety of table grape in California.

California grows **over 80 varieties** of table grapes.



Most California grape vineyards are **family-owned & operated**.

California grapes are **harvested by hand**.



CALIFORNIA Oranges



California grows **85%** of all U.S. **fresh-market oranges**.



Fresh-market oranges are oranges grown to be eaten whole, **NOT processed for juice**.



Oranges are California's **#1 citrus crop**.

California oranges are mostly grown in the **Central Valley & Southern California**.



California is known for its **Navel & Valencia** varieties of oranges.

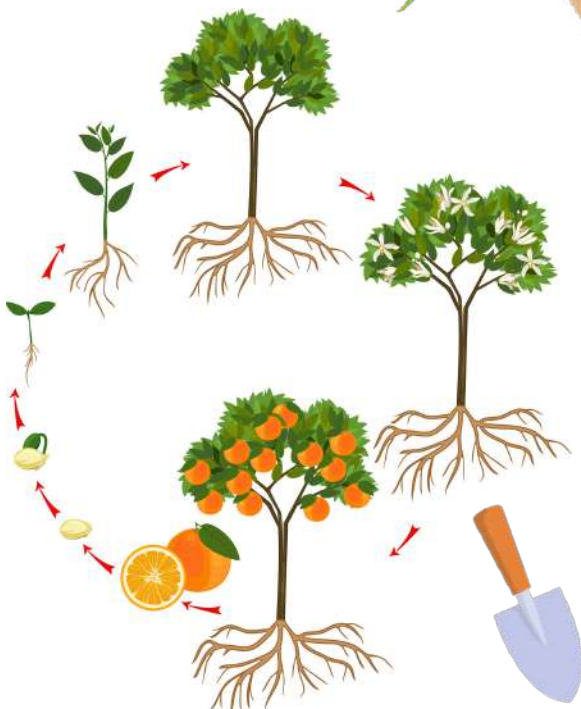
California's "**citrus boom**" started in **1873** with navel oranges.

Orange trees can live for over **50 years!**

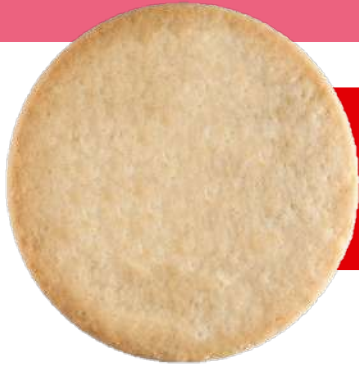
California's **climate** makes their oranges **extra sweet**.



California's first navel orange trees were planted in **Riverside, CA**.



CALIFORNIA Strawberries



California produces nearly **90%** of all strawberries grown in the U.S.



Monterey, Santa Barbara & Ventura are California's top strawberry producing counties.

1.5+ BILLION pounds of strawberries are grown in California each year.

California is home to around **42,000 acres** of strawberry fields.

California strawberries are grown in many regions, making them available **year-round**.

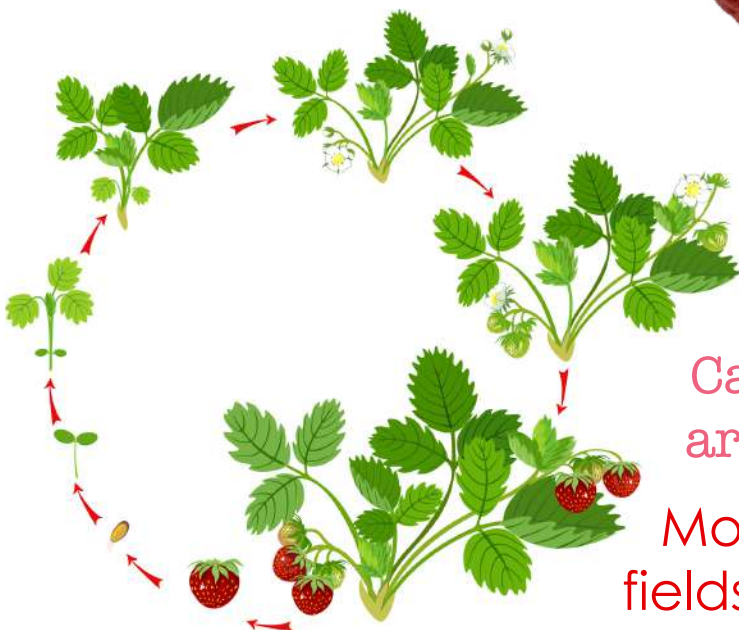
California strawberries are **harvested by hand**.



One of the largest annual strawberry festivals is hosted in **Watsonville, California**.

California's **cool, coastal climates** are ideal for growing strawberries.

Most of California's strawberry fields are owned by **family farms**.



CALIFORNIA Dates



California is the **heart** of the U.S. date industry growing over **90%** of all **Medjool dates**.



Coachella Valley is where almost all of California's dates are grown.



California grows 4 major kinds of dates:
Medjool, Deglet Noor, Barhi & Zahidi.

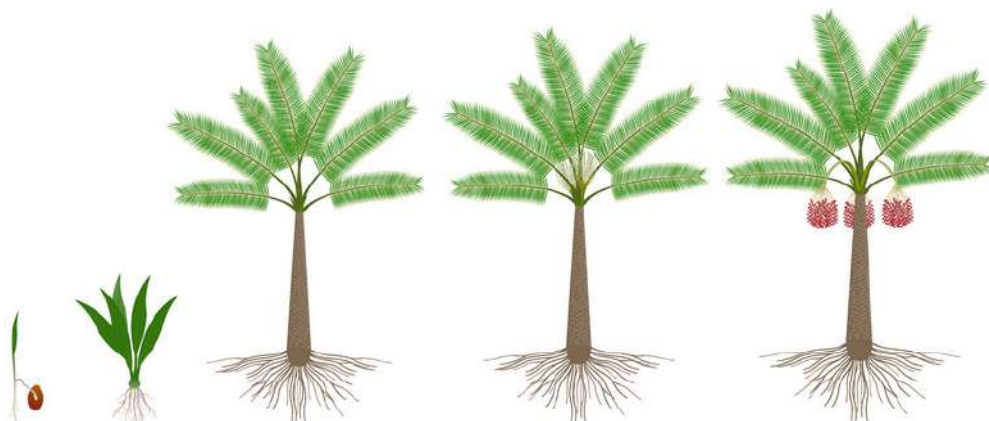
Date palms, the trees that grow dates, were **first** planted in California in the **late 1800s**.



Medjool dates are the most popular & known as the "**King of Dates**."

There are **200+ varieties** of dates grown worldwide!

The **National Date Festival** is hosted every year in **Indio, CA**.



One date palm can grow up to **10,000 dates** per season!

California dates are harvested in the **fall**.

CALIFORNIA Garlic



About **90%** of all commercially grown garlic in the U.S. comes from California!



Gilroy, California is nicknamed the “**Garlic Capital of the World.**” ★



Most of California's garlic fields are found in the **western part of the San Joaquin Valley.**



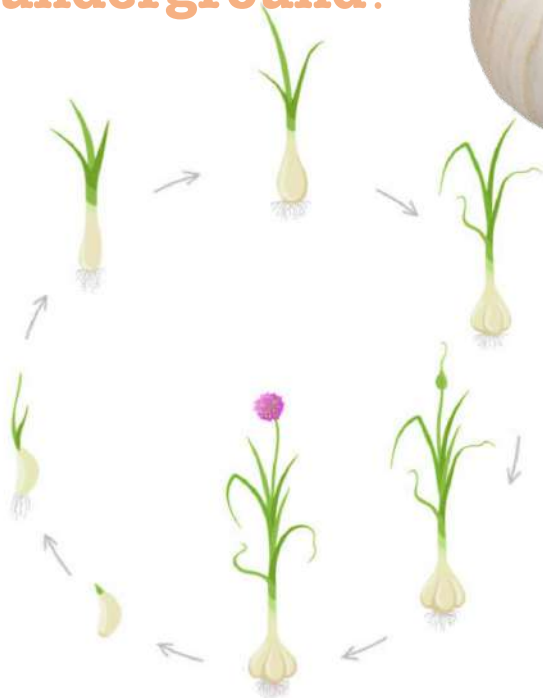
California celebrates garlic every year with the **Gilroy Garlic Festival!**

Two main types of garlic: **hardneck** and **softneck.**



Garlic grows **underground!**

The majority of garlic grown in California is **softneck.**



Garlic has been grown in California for **hundreds of years.**



California garlic is often **processed** into **powder, flakes, oils & minced garlic.**

California harvests around **400 million pounds** of garlic every year!

CALIFORNIA Olives



California produces around **95%** of all olives grown in the U.S.

Around **75%** of the olives grown in California are processed into **olive oil**.



The **warm, sunny climate** of California's **inland valleys** is ideal for growing olives.

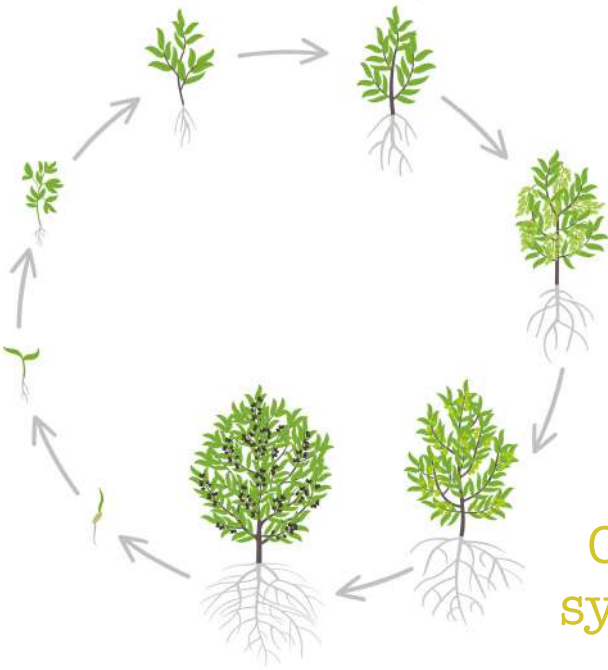
The other **25%** of the olives grown in California are **table olives** – olives grown to be **eaten**.



Hundreds of family farms make up California's olive industry.



Olives are a type of **fruit**!



As olives ripen, they change colors from **green** → **yellow-green** → **purple** → **black**.

Olive branches symbolize **peace**.



California grows a wide variety of **table olives** including: Manzanillo, Sevillano, Mission and many more!

CALIFORNIA Finger Limes

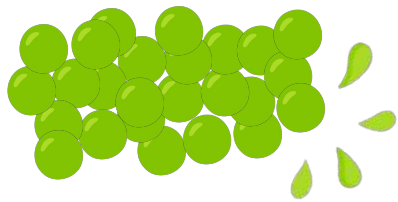


California is the **only state** in the U.S. that grows finger limes on a **commercial scale**.

Finger limes are a type of **citrus fruit** native to **Australia**.



Most of California's finger limes are grown in the **Central Valley**.



Finger limes are filled with **tiny lime juice pearls**.

"Citrus Caviar"



Finger limes are about the **size of a human finger** (2 - 3 inches) - hence the name!



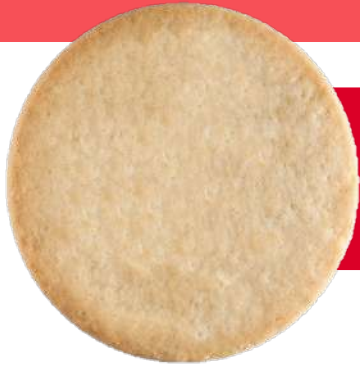
Finger limes taste similar to conventional limes with a **tart, citrusy** flavor.

Shanley Farms was the **FIRST** commercial finger lime farm in the U.S.

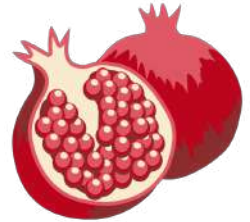
Shanley Farms is also the **LARGEST** finger lime farm in the U.S. with **over 10,000 finger lime trees!**



CALIFORNIA Pomegranates



California grows **95%** of all pomegranates grown in the U.S.



The majority of California's pomegranates are grown in the **San Joaquin Valley**.

California pomegranates are **in season** from **September - January**.

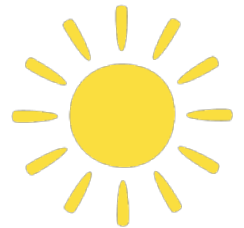
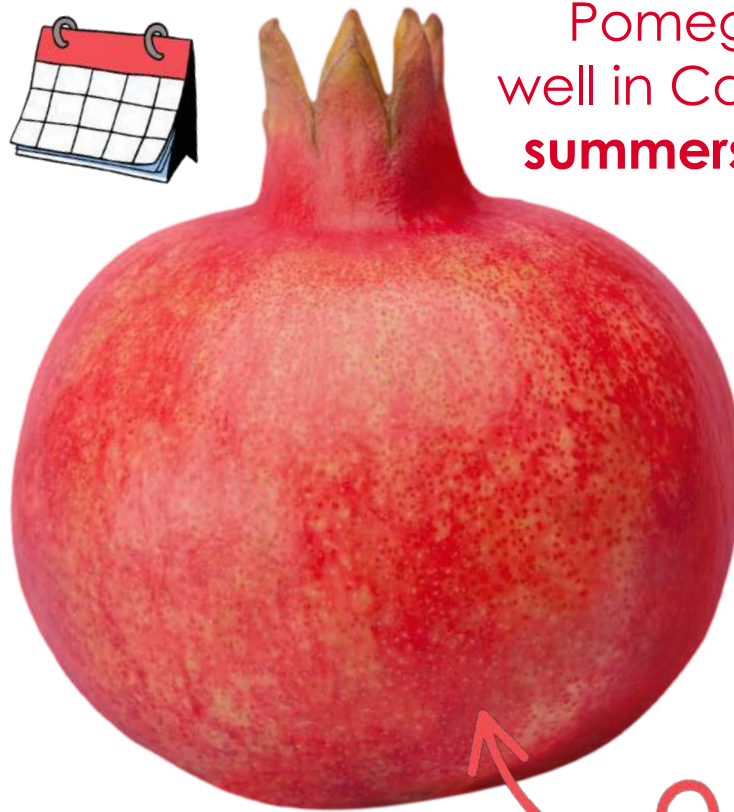


Pomegranates grow well in California's **hot, dry summers & mild winters**.



California is home to around **50,000 acres** of pomegranate orchards.

"NATURE'S JEWEL"



Wonderful pomegranates are the most commercially grown pomegranate in California.



Pomegranate trees can grow to be **12 - 20 feet** tall.

Industry

FILM INDUSTRY

Hollywood



Hollywood is known as the
“**movie capital of the world.**”



Hollywood is a neighborhood
of **Los Angeles**, California.



The **Academy Awards (Oscars)** are held in
Hollywood every year to celebrate the best
movies & the people who made them.



Hollywood's very first movie studio was built in **1911**.

Hundreds of movies are made in California every
year...far more than any other state in the U.S.

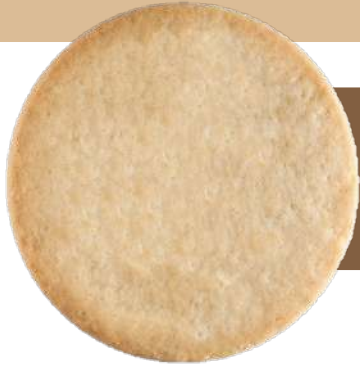
California is home to the **Academy
Museum of Motion Pictures.**

California's
film industry
employs
hundreds of
thousands
of people –
**actors, costume
designers,
camera crews,
set builders
& more!**



TECH INDUSTRY

Silicon Valley



Silicon Valley is known as the
“**technology capital of the world.**”



Silicon Valley is located
in California’s **Bay Area.**



Silicon chips
are like the **brains**
of electronics.



“**Silicon chips**”
(also called
microchips
or computer
chips) were
FIRST made in
California’s
Bay area
which is how
Silicon Valley
got its name.

Before the technology
boom, Silicon Valley was
filled **fruit orchards.**

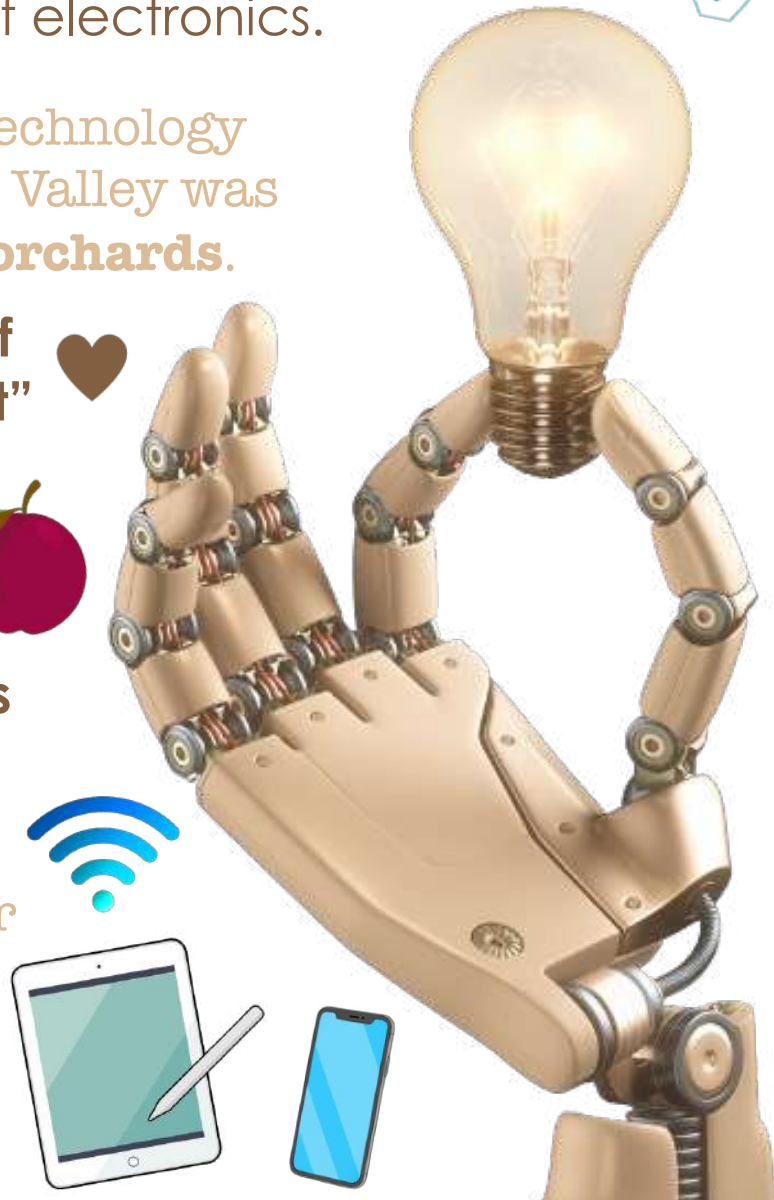
“**The Valley of
Heart’s Delight**”



MANY famous tech companies
were started in Silicon Valley.

**Smartphones, laptops &
tablets** were all invented and/or
improved in Silicon Valley.

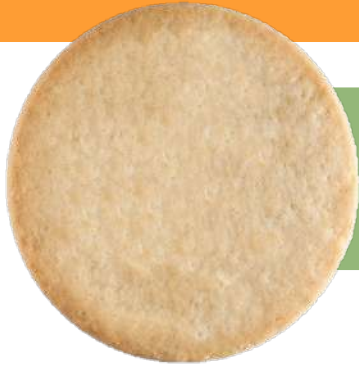
The name “Silicon Valley”
was first used in the **1970s.**



Parks

Yosemite

NATIONAL PARK



Yosemite National Park is famous for its **cliffs, waterfalls & giant sequoia trees.**

Yosemite was established as a national park in **1890.**

Around **4 MILLION** people visit Yosemite each year.

Over **1,450** plant species grow in Yosemite.



The giant granite cliffs Yosemite is known for are **El Capitan & Half Dome.**



Mule deer are the most commonly seen large animals in Yosemite.



Yosemite is home to **750 miles** of hiking trails.

Yosemite Falls is one the **LARGEST** waterfalls in the U.S. at **2,425 feet!**



Redwood

NATIONAL & STATE PARKS



Redwood National & State Parks serve to preserve & protect **coast redwood trees**.

Redwood National Park was established in **1968**, decades after the Redwood State Parks.

Redwood National & State Parks together **protect nearly half** of the remaining coast redwood trees in the world.



There are 3 redwood state parks: **Prairie Creek, Del Norte Coast & Jedediah Smith.**

Redwood National & State Parks cover over **130,000 acres** of land.

Many **movies** have been filmed in Redwood National & State Parks!

The **tallest** known coast redwood tree is located in Redwood National Park.



Sequoia

NATIONAL PARK



Sequoia National Park serves to preserve & protect **giant sequoia trees**.

Sequoia National Park was established is the **2nd oldest national park** in the U.S.

Sequoia National Park was established in **1890**.



Over **315 animal species** live in Sequoia National Park.

Mount Whitney, the **tallest mountain** in the continental U.S. is located in Sequoia National Park.



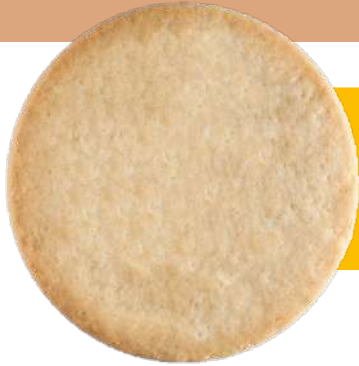
Sequoia National Park has **800+ miles** of hiking trails.

The '**Tunnel Log**' is a fallen giant sequoia tree in the park that visitors can drive through!



Death Valley

NATIONAL PARK



Death Valley National Park known for being the **hottest** & **driest** national park in the U.S.

Death Valley National Park is the **LARGEST** national park in the continental U.S.

Death Valley became an official national park in **1994**.

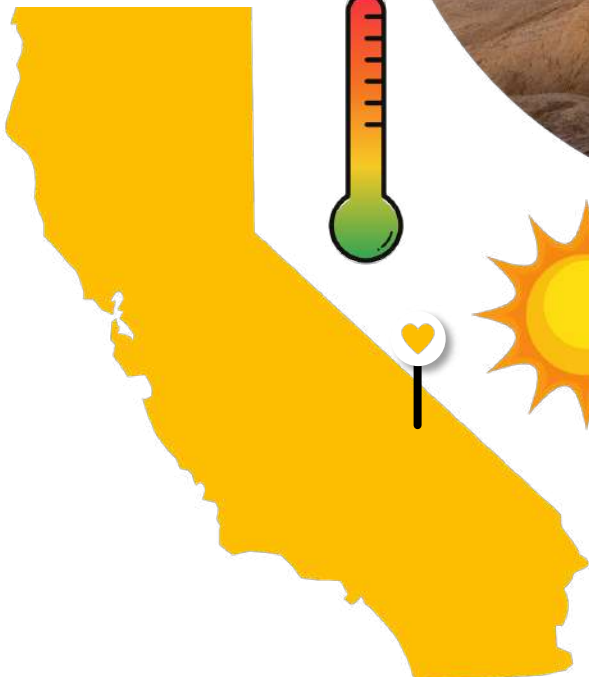
The hottest temperature recorded in Death Valley National Park was **134°F**.



Death Valley National Park is over **3.4 million acres** in size.



Badwater Basin, located in Death Valley National Park is the **lowest point** in the U.S.



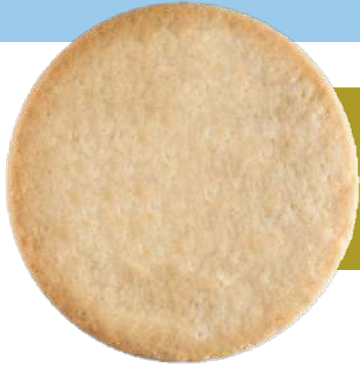
Death Valley National Park gets almost **NO RAIN**.

There are sand dunes in Death Valley National Park that are over **680 feet tall**.



Joshua Tree

NATIONAL PARK

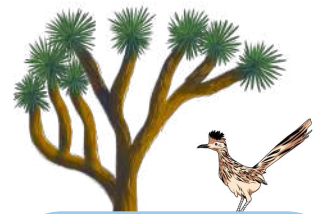


Joshua Tree National Park is known for its unique **Joshua trees & rock formations**.

Joshua Tree was a national monument before becoming a national park in **1994**.

Joshua trees can grow up to **40 feet tall** & live for **hundreds** of years.

Joshua trees are a type of **yucca plant**.



There are **two deserts** within Joshua Tree National Park - the **Mojave Desert** & the **Colorado Desert**.



Joshua Tree National Park's famous rock formations are very popular for **rock climbing**.

Joshua Tree National Park covers around **800,000 acres** of land.



Culture

Skateboarding



Skateboarding was started in California in the **1950s**.



 **Los Angeles & Santa Monica** are known as the **birthplace of modern skateboarding**.



Skateboarding was **invented** by **surfers** who wanted something to do when waves were flat.

California is home to over **100 skateparks** – more than any other state in the U.S.

“Asphalt surfers”

The **Z-Boys** (Zephyr Skate Team) were the first **professional skateboarders**.

Venice Beach Skatepark is one of the **most famous** skateparks in the world.



Skateboarding is a **BIG** part of California's **culture & identity**.

Millions of people skateboard.

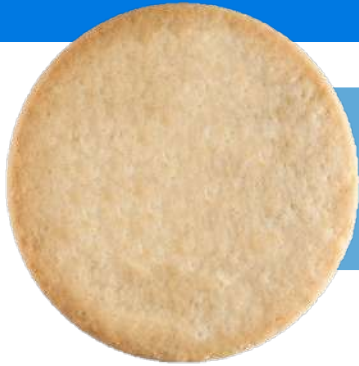


Skateboarding became an **Olympic sport** in **2021**.

Don't forget to wear a **helmet**!



Skiing/Snowboarding



California is known for having some of the **best ski & snowboard destinations** in the U.S.

California is home to **over 30** ski & snowboard resorts.

The **Sierra Nevada Mountains, Lake Tahoe & Mammoth Mountain** are California's most famous ski & snowboard locations.

Mammoth Mountain is the **LARGEST** ski resort in California.

California's ski & snowboard season can last from **fall** all the way into **early summer**!



California hosted the **Winter Olympics** in **1960** in **Palisades Tahoe**.



"Shredding the gnar"



Truckee is California's "snowiest ski town" & gets **200 - 400 inches** of snow/year!



Hiking



California is home to over **18,000 miles** of hiking trails.



California's hiking trails range from **short nature walks** to **multi-day adventures**.

California has the **largest state-park system** in the U.S. with over **280 state parks**.

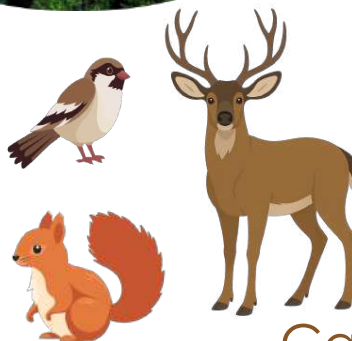


Some of California's most famous hiking trails: **Pacific Crest Trail, John Muir Trail, Mist Trail, Half Dome Trail, Mount Whitney Trail.**

The **Pacific Crest Trail (PCT)** is the **longest** hiking trail in California.



Hiking is a great way to see **wildlife** in their natural habitat.



California has **16,000+** different hiking trails.

California's national parks are **world-famous** for their scenic hikes.



Celebrate California

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California

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