

Ventura County agriculture by the numbers

Total crop value (2014): \$2.1 billion

Ranking among California counties in value of crop production: 10th

Among U.S. counties: 11th

Average gross value per acre: \$23,000

Real increase in per-acre value since 1998: 50%

Irrigated cropland: 91,218 acres

Urbanized land: 105,461

Acres converted from farmland to urban uses 1992-2012: 8,772

Number of farms: 2,150

Average size: 131 acres

Statewide average: 328 acres

National average: 434 acres

Ventura County median: 12 acres

Percentage smaller than 50 acres: 78%

Orchard crops: 39,600 acres

Berries, vegetables: 56,500 acres

Top 5 crops in gross value (2014):

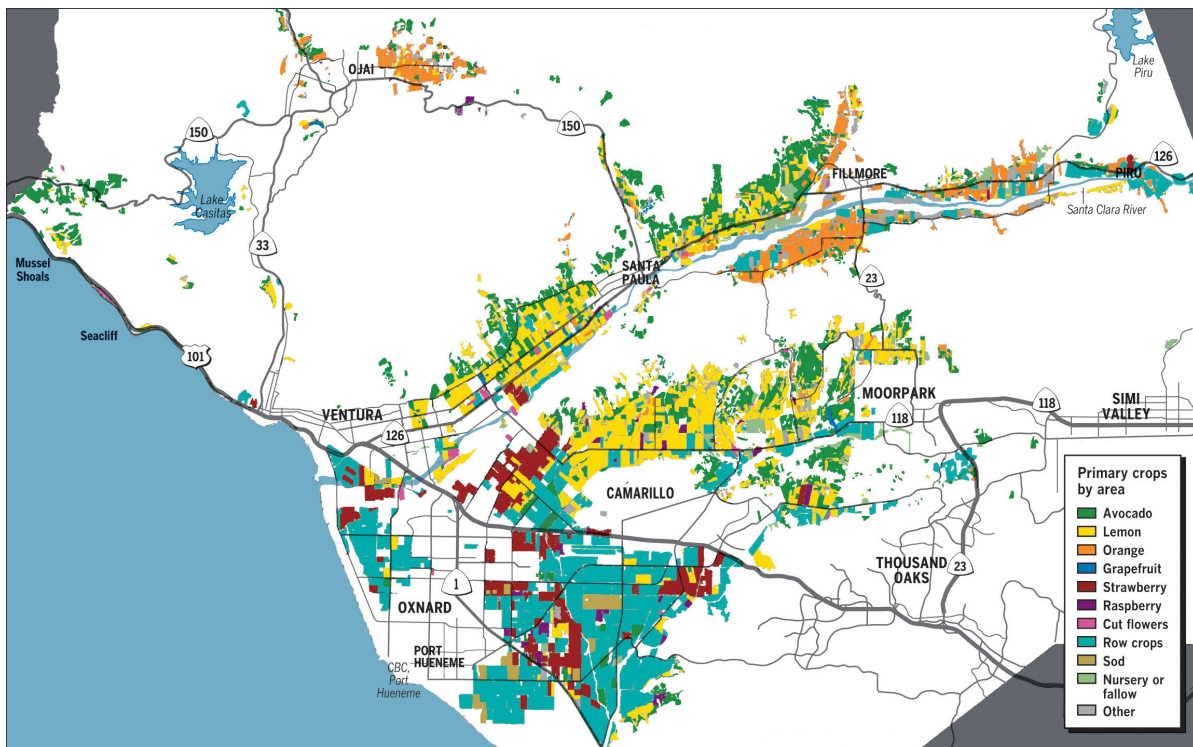
No. 1: *Strawberries, \$628 million, 11,630 acres*

No. 2: *Lemons, \$269 million, 14,926 acres*

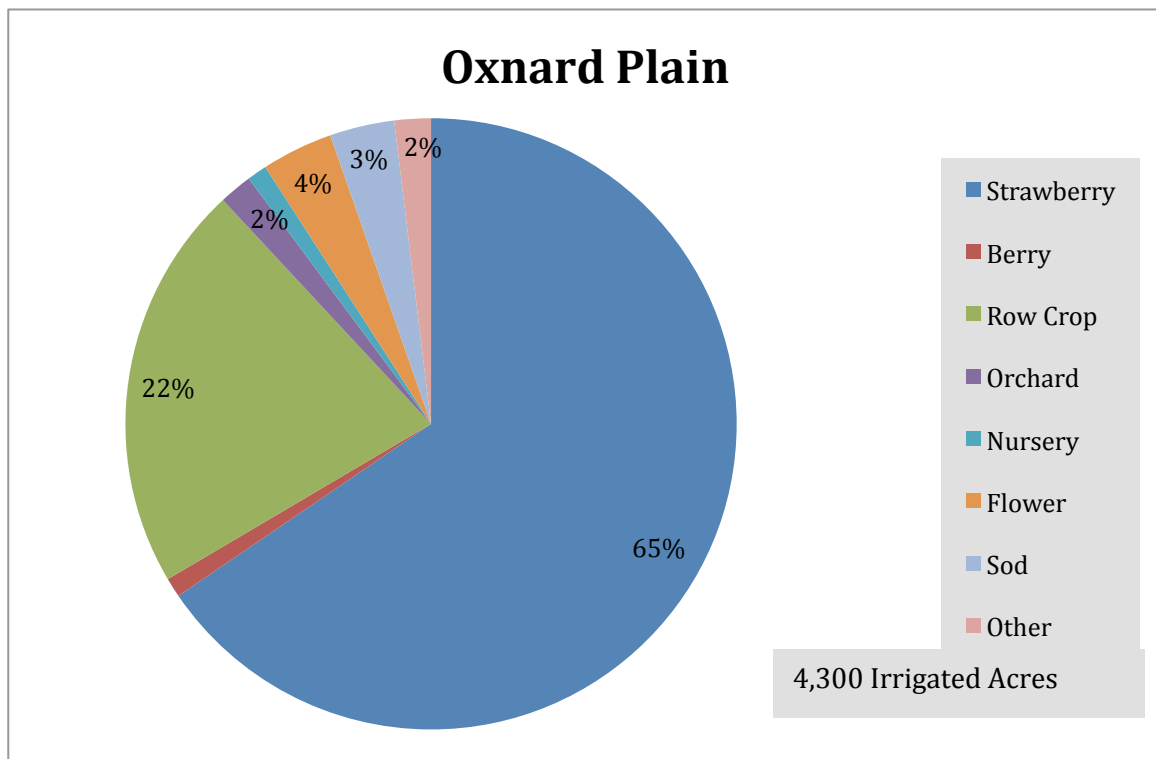
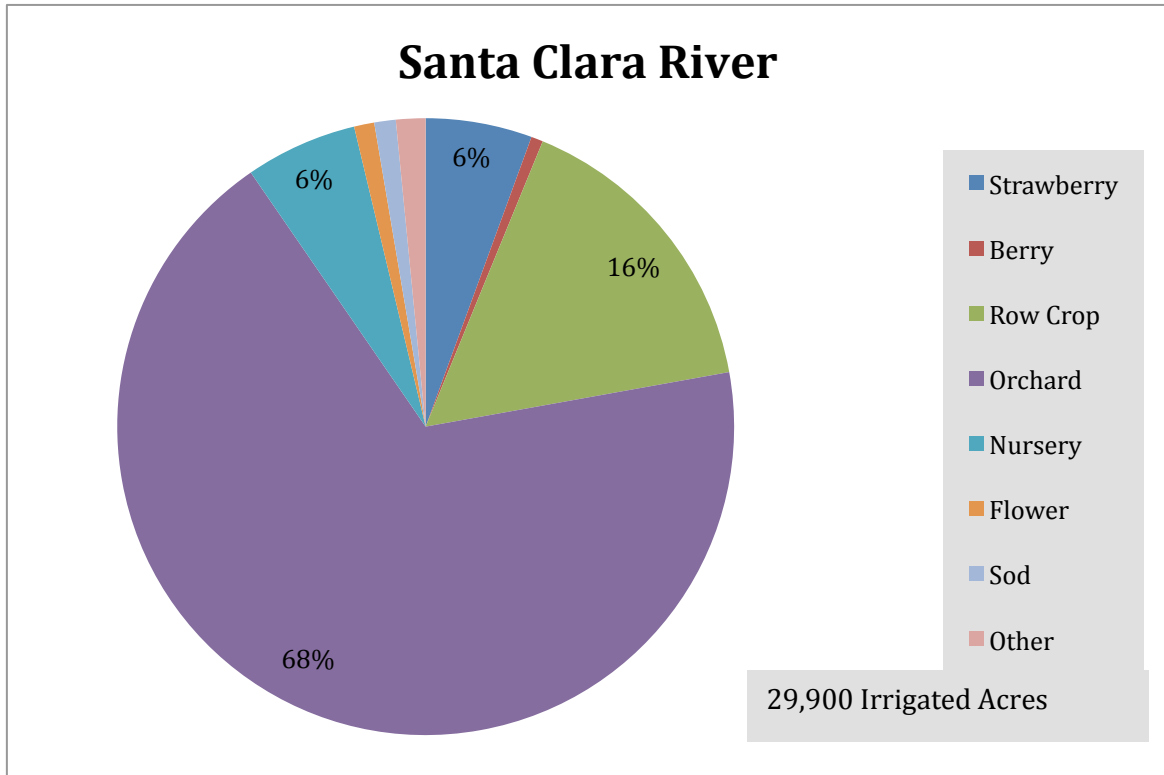
No. 3: *Raspberries, \$241 million, 4,629 acres*

No. 4: *Nursery stock, \$181 million, 6,550 acres (field access), 11 million sq. ft. (greenhouses)*

No. 5: *Celery, \$152 million, 11,003 acres*



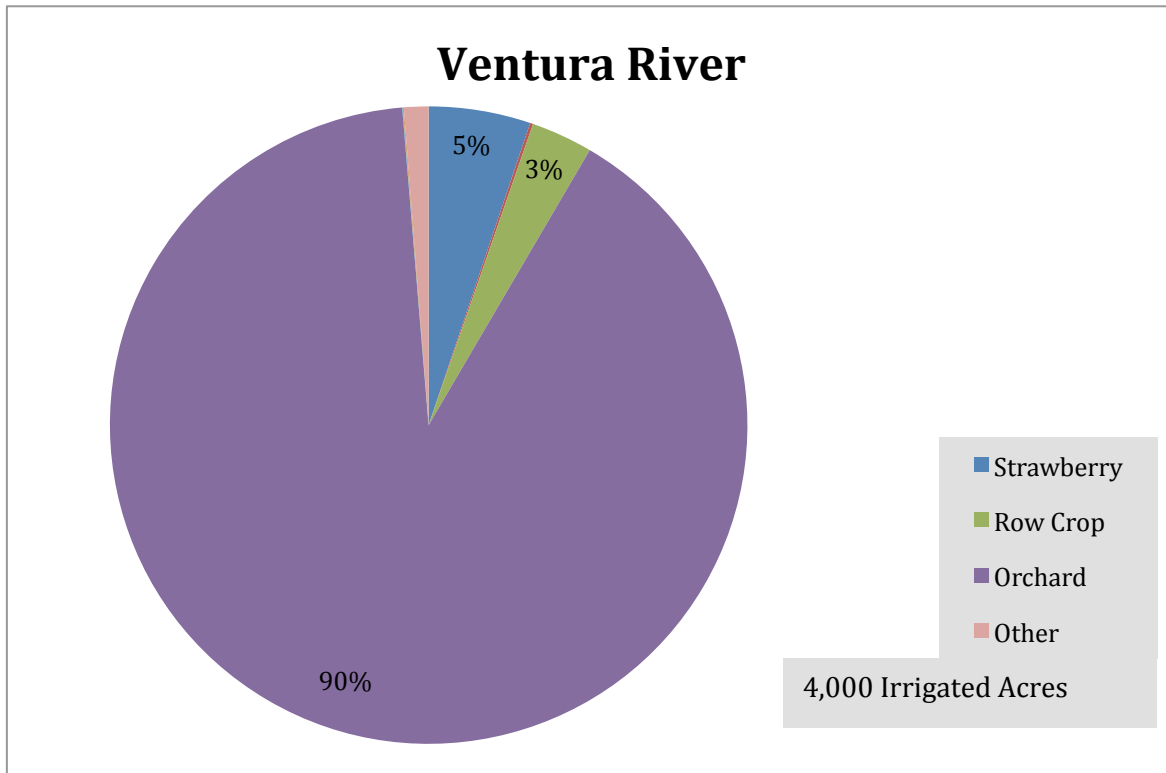
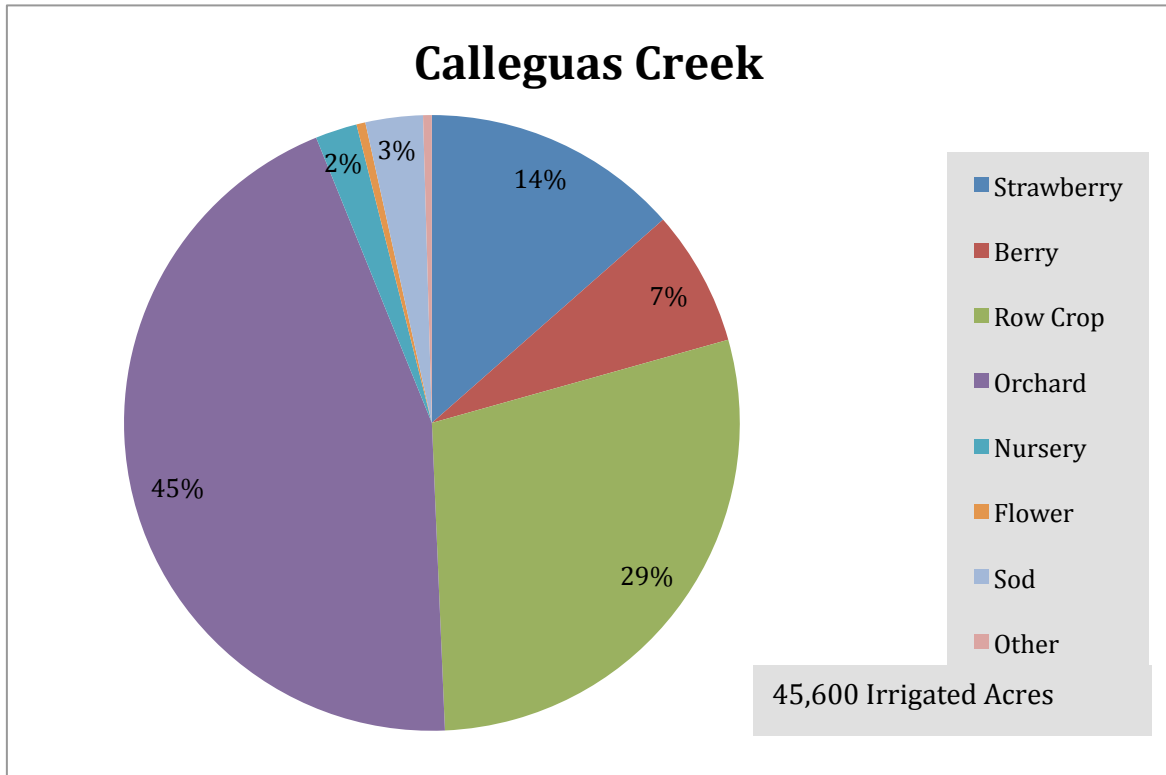
Crop acreage by watershed



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Ventura County water by the numbers

Water supply and demand*

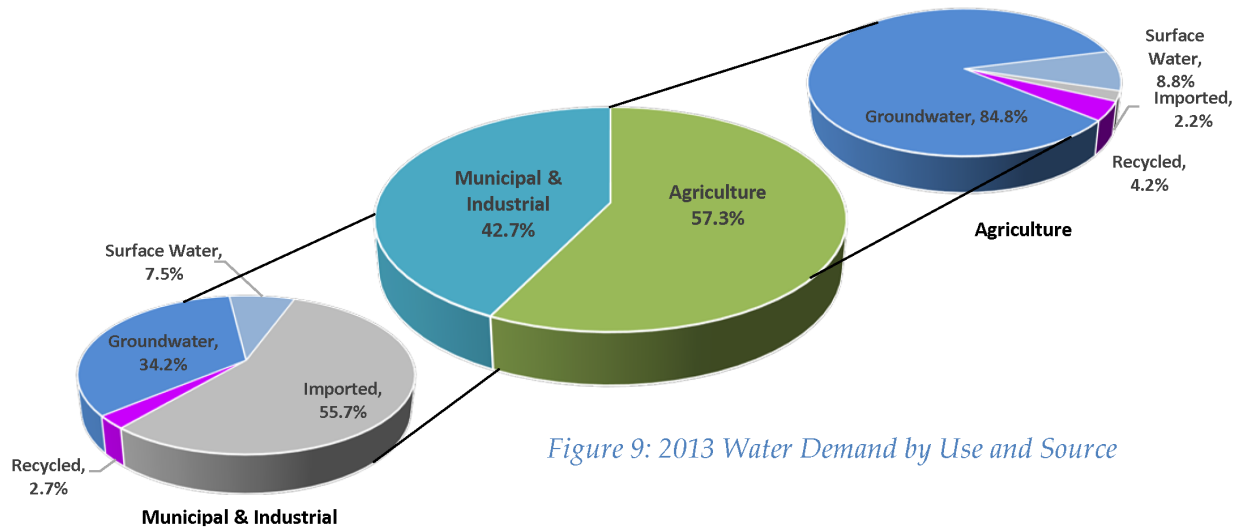


Figure 9: 2013 Water Demand by Use and Source

Average annual Ventura County water use: 445,310 acre-feet** (AF)

Agricultural water use: 255,325 AF (57%)

Urban: 189,984 AF (43%)

Total supplied by groundwater: 281,550 AF (63%)

Total supplied by local surface water: 36,726 AF (8%)

Total supplied by imported state water: 111,283 AF (25%)

Total supplied by recycled water: 15,751 AF (4%)

Percentage of agricultural water use derived from local groundwater: 85%

*Source: "County of Ventura 2013 Water Supply and Demand," Ventura County Watershed Protection District, January 2015

** An acre-foot is 325,900 gallons, the average annual consumption of two Southern California households. Year-round vegetable production requires 4-5 AF per acre per year. Strawberries grown for the main January-June harvest season require 3-4 AF per acre. Citrus requires 2-4 AF per acre per year, depending on tree size, and avocados require 2-5 AF.

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