

CALIFORNIA RICE FACTS



- The California rice industry annually contributes \$1.8 billion dollars and 25,000 jobs to the state's economy.
- California is the nation's second largest rice producing state, with 2010 production totaling nearly 4 ½ billion pounds.
- The Sacramento Valley is the heart of California's rice industry, much like the Napa Valley is to premium wine and wine grapes. More than ninety-five percent of the state's rice crop is grown within 100 miles of the State Capitol. Rice is the central industry for many towns, such as Colusa, Biggs, Gridley and Richvale.

- California ricelands are used by 230 wildlife species, providing nearly 60 percent of the food for 7 to 10 million wintering ducks and geese in the Central Valley. With an estimated \$1.5 billion in habitat value, no crop does more for our environment than California rice.



- Virtually every piece of sushi made in America comes from California rice.

