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Yolo County Profile



Yolo County is located in the rich agricultural regions of California's Central Valley and Sacramento River Delta. It is directly west, across the Sacramento River from the State Capital of Sacramento and north and east, respectively, of the Bay Area Counties of Solano and Napa. There are four incorporated cities in Yolo County: Davis, West Sacramento, Winters and Woodland. The current population is estimated at 184,932. Yolo County cities are known for their commitment to managed quality growth and for providing economic opportunity while accommodating growth change. Preserving the agricultural land base and small city and rural quality of life are important to residents of the County. The County's leading industry is agriculture, however warehousing and distribution, food processing, research and development particularly biotechnology and the University of California at Davis are also major employers. The county is also home to Woodland Community College.

Approximately 8 million people live within one hundred miles of Yolo County. Almost 40% of the children aged 0-17 years and 20% of the total population live below the poverty index. Yolo County is growing more ethnically diverse; 50% of its children are non-white according to the 2000 U.S. Census information. The population of Yolo County is growing at about 2.5% annually.

Population (2005 U.S. Census est.)	184,932
Davis	60,308
Woodland	49,151
West Sacramento	31,615
Winters	6,125
Unincorporated	21,461

Area of County	
Square Miles	1,013
Acres	661,760

Yolo County Farms in acres (2002 U.S. Census)	
Land in Farms	550,407
Average farm size	519

Ranking by Gross Agricultural Sales
 Yolo County ranks 24th among California's fifty-eight counties. (2005 USDA Stats)

Top 10 Agricultural Commodities in Yolo County 2006

1. Tomatoes
2. Hay, alfalfa
3. Grapes, wine
4. Almonds
5. Seed Crops (all)
6. Rice
7. Walnuts
8. Organic Crops
9. Cattle and Calves
10. Apiary, Livestock & Poultry Products

University of CA Cooperative Extension, Yolo County Funds Allocated 2007/2008	
Salaries & Benefits	\$326,341
Services & Supplies	<u>\$48,199</u>
Total	\$374,540



Cooperative Extension Staff – Yolo County

University of CA Davis Staff:

- [Angela Asch](#), Nutrition Education Program Representative in Yolo County
- [Kent Brittan](#), Field Crops Advisor for cereal, corn and oil crops in Yolo, Solano and Sacramento Counties
- [Jenny Broome](#), Area Plant Pathologist, Sacramento, Yolo and Solano Counties
- [Morgan Doran](#), Livestock & Natural Resources Advisor in Napa, Sacramento, Solano and Yolo Counties
- [Luis Espino](#), Rice Farming Systems Advisor in Colusa, Glenn and Yolo Counties
- [Marcel Horowitz](#), 4-H Youth Development Advisor in Yolo County
- [Nan Lippitt](#), Adult FSNEP educator
- [Rachael Long](#), Farm Advisor for pest management, alfalfa, alternative cropping systems, dry beans, forage crops and water quality in Yolo, Solano and Sacramento Counties
- [Diane Metz](#), Yolo County Director and Nutrition, Family and Consumer Science Advisor in Solano and Yolo Counties
- [Gene Miyao](#), Farm Advisor for Vegetable Crops - Processing tomato production in Yolo, Solano and Sacramento Counties
- [Mario Moratorio](#), Small Farm/Urban Horticulture and Grape Advisor in Solano and Yolo Counties.
- [Tess Shiner](#), FSNEP Fish Nutrition Education Program Representative in Yolo County

Yolo County Staff:

- [Kathy Berrettoni](#), Ag. & Master Gardener Clerical
- [Delynda Eldridge](#), Extension Assistant (4-H & MG)
- [Karisa Huie](#), 4-H, Youth Dev. & FSNEP Clerical
- [Mark Kochi](#), Extension Assistant (Agriculture)
- [Teresa McClellan](#), FSNEP, Ag. & Office Manager

Cooperative Extension Programs:

- **Agricultural & Environmental Sciences** program develops and extends research-based information in the areas of farm management, livestock and crop production, pest management (including Integrated Pest Management and biological control), environmental resource management, marketing, water quality, land use and small farms. Additionally, advisors work to increase public understanding between agriculture producers and more urban constituents.

- **4-H Youth Development** program is a non-formal educational effort that targets youth with volunteer adult club leaders to serve as extenders of research based information. Program goals encourage development of youth to be self-directed, resilient and productive members of a global society. The program emphasizes experiential learning methods. In Yolo County, the 4-H Club program functions with about 194 volunteer adult leaders working in community-based 14 clubs. There are currently 536 4-H members. The Food Stamp Nutrition Education Program (FSNEP) targets low resource children and their families with healthful lifestyle and nutrition education.
- **Urban Horticulture and Nutrition, Family and Consumer Sciences:** Master Gardeners extend the University of California into the community by sharing urban horticulture information to the public. The Yolo County program has grown to 66 volunteers and 30 more are in training for 2007. Nutrition, Family and Consumer Science education/research is directed by Diane Metz who also serves as the agency's director. Program efforts include food preservation/safety and nutrition education, prevention of childhood obesity and associated chronic diseases. She also oversees the Food Stamp Nutrition Education Fish Connection program.



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