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# CONTRA COSTA

*One county - limitless options for agriscience, agriculture, and food processing*

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*Cornfields near Brentwood, Contra Costa County, California*

- Capital of the Northern California Mega-Region; easy access to SF, San Jose, Sacramento, and beyond.
- Goods movement options include shipping by water, rail, and truck; employee commute options are car, bus, and BART. Two county owned airports serve the region; daily Concord-Burbank service.
- 40% of Contra Costa adults have a bachelor's degree or higher; ongoing human capital investments in workforce training.
- Available property options zoned for agricultural (growers) and industrial (food processing, agriscience) companies. Industrial lease rates are significantly lower than the Oakland/SF/SJ areas.
- Growers and ag researchers love our Mediterranean climate and loamy soil. You can grow anything here!

## Name-Dropping

Just a small sampling of the industry leaders already thriving in Contra Costa.

### *Agriculture:*



### FROG HOLLOW FARM

### *Food Processing:*



**BASIC AMERICAN FOODS**™



### *Agriscience and Research:*



# Resource List for Agriscience, Agriculture, & Food Processing

## Government Agencies:

California Department of Food and Agriculture

USDA Value-Added Producer Grants

Contra Costa County Workforce Development Board and  
Small Business Development Center

## Non-Profit Organizations:

California FarmLink

California Farm Bureau

East Bay Economic Development Alliance

East Bay Leadership Council

Women in Agribusiness

## Financing Options – For Profit Lenders:

Bank of the West

Mechanics Bank

New Resource Bank

TMC Financing (SBA 504 loans)

## Financing Options – Non-Profit Lenders:

CDC Small Business Finance

Northern California Community Development Loan Fund

*This list is not exclusive, is provided for information only, and no endorsement is implied. Call to discuss your specific business needs, and get referrals tailored to your needs: Department of Conservation & Development, Office of Economic Development, 925-674-7869.*

The County and Cities of  
Contra Costa

*Antioch*

*Brentwood*

*Clayton*

*Concord*

*Danville*

*El Cerrito*

*Hercules*

*Lafayette*

*Martinez*

*Moraga*

*Oakley*

*Orinda*

*Pinole*

*Pittsburg*

*Pleasant Hill*

*Richmond*

*San Pablo*

*San Ramon*

*Walnut Creek*

*Contra Costa County, including the communities of Alamo, Bay Point, Bethel Island, Blackhawk, Byron, Crockett, Discovery Bay, El Sobrante, Kensington, Knightsen, North Richmond, Pacheco, Port Costa, and Rodeo*

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