CONTRA COSTA

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

- 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:

Food Processing:

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.*

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**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