



## Fig harvest in progress

With slightly less than 8,000 acres of figs, Madera County produces more figs than all nine California counties that grow the fruit commercially -- and its second harvest is underway.

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Celerina Bautista picks for the fresh fig market in an orchard managed by Kevin Herman of Specialty Crops Co.



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Gonzalo Vasquez is moving buckets of fresh figs to prepare for packing and shipping.



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Victor Lopez, a college student from Oregon, works as a farm laborer in a Madera fig orchard managed by Kevin Herman of Specialty Crop Co.

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Eugenio Garcia, left, and Miguel Vasquez are transporting dried Canadria figs during harvest.



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Joventino Santiago Cruz is sorting figs for packing.



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Efrain Montalvo is packing black mission figs introduced by Spanish missionaries centuries ago.



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Large black mission figs are hand packed for outside shipping.

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