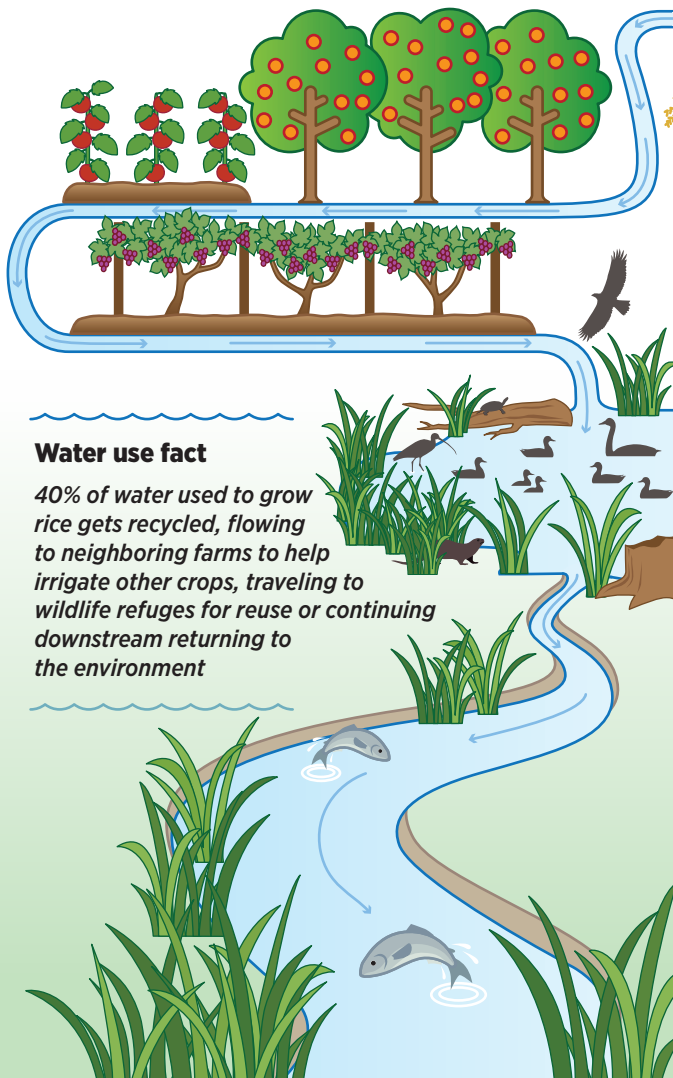


# California Rice has Multiple Benefits

## Environment

**California's rice industry is uniquely connected to wildlife**, with millions of migratory waterbirds traveling the Pacific Flyway annually to the Sacramento Valley and 230 wildlife species relying on rice fields for food, a place to rest and raise their young.

**With 95% of California's historic wetlands now gone**, rice fields now serve as critical surrogate wetland habitat for wildlife. Acquiring, restoring and replacing the wetland habitat and food resources for wildlife rice now provides would cost close to \$3 Billion.



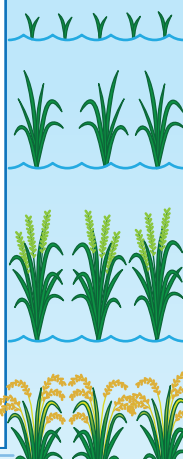
### Water use fact

*40% of water used to grow rice gets recycled, flowing to neighboring farms to help irrigate other crops, traveling to wildlife refuges for reuse or continuing downstream returning to the environment*

### SPRING



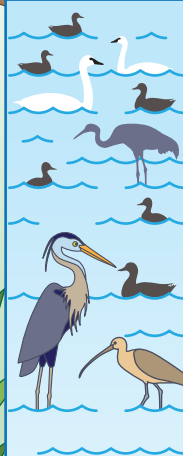
### SUMMER



### FALL



### WINTER



## Economy

**California's rice production workforce** spans 8-plus rice growing counties across the Sacramento Valley, with countless jobs within those rural agriculture communities connected to the rice industry.

**The year-round work starts on the farm**, with multigenerational family operations providing seasonal jobs to farmworkers, highly skilled ag aircraft pilots, trucking operations, local ag supply stores, specialized rice dryers and high-tech mills all employing knowledgeable workers who are an important link in the chain helping grow, dry and mill California Rice.



Farmworkers



Pilots



Drying/Storage



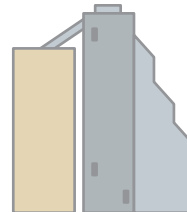
Supply Companies



Trucking

### Water use fact

*Rice uses roughly the same amount of water as other crops grown in the region*



Mills



Ag-based communities

## Food

California is the nation's second-largest rice producing state, growing virtually all of America's sushi rice. Rice is a grocery store staple for families and an essential element in Californian cuisine, all for a great value. This globally important grain is vital in the diet of more than half of the world's population.

### Water use fact

*Making a single pair of jeans uses about the same amount of water as 72 servings of rice*



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